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Robert Crowley and "Saving Japan from the Red Menace"

John Cuddy
VALLEY PATRIOT HERO REPORTER

Lawrence's Robert Crowley, a graduate of Central Catholic's Class of 1944, had a unique role during and after World War II. Upon joining the U.S. Army, he was trained in Military Intelligence, with additional training in the Japanese language at Fort Holabird, outside of Baltimore, Maryland. He was then assigned to a U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps Team. Mr. Crowley explained to me what exactly a CIC Unit was. On December 13th 1941, a letter from The Adjutant General officially changed the name of the Corps of Intelligence Police to the Counter Intelligence Corps, to be effective January 1, 1942. Bob's job in the CIC Unit was to monitor the activity of the Japanese Communist Party. At the same time, other units of the Counter Intelligence Corps, were doing a very similar task, in Germany, Italy, and throughout Liberated Europe. This is considered by many Veterans to be the beginning of the Cold War.

Over muffins, at Bob's home with his wife Irene joining us, he broke out photo albums filled with pictures of Japan in 1945 and 1946. Seeing a picture of a young Japanese man, recently separated from the Japanese Army and waving a Communist flag in a public park, illustrates what could have been. Several Hollywood movies have been made about the Communists in Post War Europe, Matt Damon's "The Good Shepard" comes to mind. But until my meeting with Robert Crowley and his wife, I never knew of the Communist threat in Post War Japan.

Robert Crowley an Irish-American, was the only Caucasian, on his team. The other three men were Japanese-Americans, called Nisei, all speaking the Japanese language from childhood. They did not live in a barracks or on a military base in Japan, but in a house, formerly occupied by Catholic Missionaries. When he first got to Japan, Bob wore a regular U.S. Army Uniform, but without rank or insignia, often wearing just a patch that identified him as U.S. Army Counter Intelligence. Later in his tour, he had his mother U.S. Mail him civilian clothes, and that was what he then wore each day.

Often confused or mistaken by American and Allied Forces for being U.S. Army CID, or the Criminal Investigation Command, regular U.S. Army, Navy, and Marine troops avoided Bob and his teammates. This allowed Bob and his team to observe and report the activities of the Communists, without interference from normal U.S. Army duties and routines. While Bob and his team watched the Communists, the U.S. Army CID personnel worked to counter the "Black Market", theft of government equipment, and other crimes.

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EDITORIAL: "Rule of Corruption" Proves That Rules Don't Matter

While voting on *last* year's Methuen city budget and union contracts there were at least five (of nine) members of the city council who had a conflict of interest because they had immediate family members working for the city.

The state's conflict of interest laws say that elected officials with family members on the payroll cannot vote for a budget or contract that their family member(s) will benefit from.

That means five of the nine councilors could not vote on union contracts or the city budget that affected their family. This left the council with not enough members to pass the budget and contracts.

But a funny thing happened in the world of Twilight-Zone Methuen politics.

During discussions it was revealed that there is a little known provision called the "Rule of Necessity".

The "Rule of Necessity" states that if too many people on a public board have a conflict of interest and there are not enough board members to pass the budget or contract, no problem, everyone with a conflict can vote anyway.

In other words, if most members of a public board have a conflict, it's open season on raiding the taxpayers' money for their personal gain.

RAISES FOR EVERYONE!

We believe the "Rule of Necessity" is really a "Rule of Corruption."

It means conflict of interest laws are a ruse to fool the public into believing that elected officials can't benefit from their "service" when in reality there's always a loophole to let them to do whatever they want.

This is why the Methuen city budget is so out of whack, with the School Department $4M in the red, and Methuen police officers making more than any other officers in the country.

What's worse is that former city council president Jamie Atkinson voted for a budget and a contract that created a new job in the police department. A job that he himself took the minute he was no longer a city councilor.

Jamie voted to create his own job and his own salary, while also approving enormous raises and irresponsible spending that could not be sustained once he was gone. This leads the public to rightfully wonder if deals were made. Given the evidence we've seen so far, it certainly looks that way.

Nobody, but nobody objected.

Fast forward to this year's Methuen budget and contract discussions. Councilor Steve Saba made a motion to do away with Jamie Atkinson's position but not ONE of his fellow councilors would second his motion. Not one.

Then the mayor and returning city councilors acted shocked ... shocked ... that there was a budget deficit this year, pretending they had no idea whatsoever that police salaries were so high, that the schools were so in debt, and that major cuts were going to have to be made.

Videos of last year's meetings show that Mayor Jajuga (then a city councilor) was well aware of school department funding shortages for special education. Videos also show that councilors were well aware of the rising costs of the union contracts.

Instead of a "Rule of Necessity" that lets officials with a conflict of interest raid the public trough, there should be a "Rule of Replacement" whereby any public board with too many conflicts must give their job to another board (like the school committee) to negotiate and settle the conflicted budget and contracts.

A simpler solution might just be for Methuen voters to simply stop electing city councilors with conflicts of interest.

But, we all know that's just a little too much to ask.

No Mercy - Even for Small Animals in Massachusetts

Aliana Brodmann von Richthofen
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

After having been around the so-called bush, otherwise known as the system of favoritism and corruption in Massachusetts, many times over, I should not be surprised that it engulfs the most feeble and vulnerable. But I was, nevertheless, shocked that there is neither mercy nor justice even for small animals in Massachusetts.

Last April Morty, a sweet Miniature Husky, was admitted to the emergency department at Massachusetts Veterinary Hospital with fluid in his chest and diagnosed with Stage IVb Lymphoma: the result of deliberate misdiagnosis and mistreatment at Natick Animal Clinic on a scope bordering on, if not actually epitomizing, ruthless abuse.

As far back as 2015 Morty had serious symptoms that his owners as laymen pointed out to the vets at Natick Animal Clinic, all of which were later highlighted in a public circulation by PETCO as signaling "Cancer in Dogs" during their Cancer Awareness Month in 2017. All the therein named symptoms signaling cancer were treated at Natick Animal Clinic with every conceivable expensive in-house drug or procedure but the required referral to an Oncologist: the foul smell from his mouth, despite their recommended removal of a substantial amount of his teeth under the pretext of "infected gums," the frequent throwing up, diagnosed by this Clinic as "acidic stomach" to be treated with antacids, the increased lack of mobility in his hind legs diagnosed here as "arthritis" and treated with Rymadil, Tramadol and Dasuquin purchased at this Clinic. Cancerous lumps, including swollen lymph nodes, were ignored as stemming from being a "lumpy dog" with "nothing to be concerned about" heavy panting and coughing, ignored as "theatrics," diarrhea, treated with an expensive "special diet" from this Clinic.

The scope of apparent negligence, eventually recognized as outright abuse, given Morty's visits with numerous vets at Natick Animal Clinic since 2010, not only caused this little dog incredible suffering and prolonged pain. It also traumatized his owners for having unwittingly contributed to his suffering by having failed to provide him with the proper care and medication, or at least offer him greater comfort. All due to Natick Animal Clinic's misinformation by its vets. Particularly distressing, since Cancer in dogs proved to be known as treatable in the early stages, and because Morty could have enjoyed a longer life free of the incredible pain he suffered at the hands of those entrusted with his care.

In fact, how well he would have responded to proper therapy became apparent when Morty was briefly treated at the Massachusetts Veterinary Referral Hospital, where even his "chronic condition of being a teary eyed dog" – per Natick Animal Clinic- instantly cleared up with proper treatment. Sadly, his Cancer had already metastasized to numerous organs so that the brief remission barely lasted a week before his final decline set in and caused his death Mother's Day morning 2017.

It was obvious that the scope of Morty's abuse at Natick Animal Clinic had been so

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Poll: Parents, Teachers, Legislators Support Reinstating Passage of U.S. History MCAS Test as High School Graduation Requirement

New Pioneer Institute poll shows strong majorities of parents, history and social studies teachers, and legislators in Massachusetts support restoring passage of a U.S. history MCAS test as a high school graduation requirement

BOSTON - Strong majorities of parents, history and social studies teachers, and legislators in Massachusetts support restoring passage of a U.S. history MCAS test as a high school graduation requirement, according to a new poll of the three groups commissioned by Pioneer Institute.

"Support for the U.S. history graduation requirement has remained strong despite the anti-testing backlash we've seen in recent years," said David Paleologos, president of DAPA Research, who conducted the poll.

Strong majorities of parents and teachers, and a plurality of legislators also opposed changing the Commonwealth's U.S. history education standards, which are considered to be among the nation's finest.

Parents were the most in favor of restoring the U.S. history graduation requirement, with 68 percent either strongly or somewhat supportive, followed by 65 percent of history and social studies teachers. Among legislators, 56 percent were either strongly or somewhat supportive.

Pioneer Institute is an independent, non-partisan, privately funded research organization that seeks to improve the quality of life in Massachusetts through civic discourse and intellectually rigorous, data-driven public policy solutions based on free market principles, individual liberty and responsibility, and the ideal of effective, limited and accountable government.

In 2010, Massachusetts adopted inferior English and math standards, known as Common Core, and last year the Commonwealth adopted watered-down science standards. The state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) is scheduled to vote on jettisoning the Bay State's U.S. history standards later this month.

For the class of 2012, U.S. history was scheduled to join English and math as subjects requiring MCAS test passage to graduate from high school, but the measure was postponed and has never been reinstated. Massachusetts is one of only nine states that doesn't have a history and civics requirement.

"Twenty-five years ago, when we crafted the 1993 Massachusetts Education Reform Act (MERA), the law was not overly prescriptive about academic content," said MERA co-author and Pioneer Institute Distinguished Senior Fellow Tom Birmingham. "But we were quite clear that the fundamentals of U.S. history should join English, math, and science as a core academic subject that's taught and tested for the state graduation requirement."

Pioneer commissioned a similar poll in 2012. Since then, support for the U.S. history graduation requirement has grown among parents (59 to 68 percent) and teachers (63 to 65 percent), and is down among legislators (64 to 56 percent).

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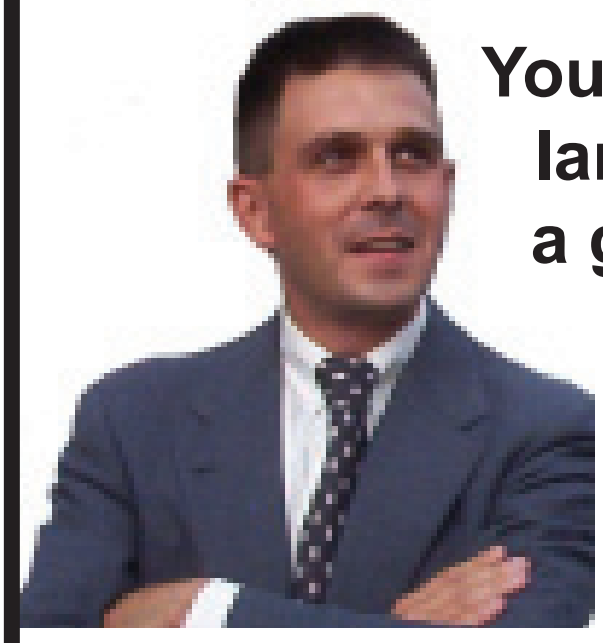

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Foster Parent Recruitment Funding in the State Budget is Priceless

Senator Katy Ives
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

One of my budgetary priorities this year was to increase funding for the Foster Care Parent Campaign line item in the Fiscal Year 2019 State Budget. The House Budget maintained the funding levels at $250,000. The Senate version of the budget allocated $750,000 to expand the Foster Parent Recruitment Campaign. The funding includes provisions that the Department of Children and Families detail to the legislature by March 15, 2019 the following: (i) the number of new foster care parents as a result of the foster care campaign; and (ii) the methods in which the department is recruiting foster care parents. The differences between the House and Senate budgets is now being negotiated and reconciled through a Conference Committee comprised of members of the House and Senate for a final budget.

There are increasing needs for the safe placement of children due to the opioid epidemic. These funds help in promoting foster care awareness through community events and outreach, advertising and social media. It will also provide for public education on long term and short term foster care placement options, as well as emergency placement where children need a safe and stable home until the morning. This educational and recruitment campaign offers information for individuals and families to provide respite homes for children already in a foster home, but the foster parent(s) goes out of town for one or more nights.

Interested families and individuals can learn more about opportunities and can also apply online, by mail or phone. The Department of Children and Families then visits your home for a physical standards check for room and safety and conducts a background check on everyone in your home. You will then be required to attend the Massachusetts Approach to Partnership in Parenting (MAPP) training that is offered throughout the state. A social worker will then visit your home to interview you and all household members and check references.

The Department of Children and Families conduct several informational sessions throughout the state for people to attend and find out more about becoming a foster parent. Even a safe home for 24 hours can give a child a sense of comfort. There are number of ways people can get involved and provide a loving home for our most vulnerable. This funding is essential in that recruitment. For more information please visit:

https://www.mass.gov/guides/upcoming-foster-careadoption-informational-meetings

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"WEATHER 101" WITH AL!

Al Kaprielian
VALLEY PATRIOT WEATHERMAN

Welcome summer and the month of July. July is known as the hottest month of the year.

This July started off with hot & humid weather. Time will tell if it will continue for a good part of the month. June saw some chilly temperatures at night. Nashua NH got down to 43 degrees early Tuesday morning June 26th. This 43 degrees tied the record low temperature for June 26th. There were not many hot & humid days in June. The jet stream brought some chilly air from Canada into our region. The approach of a cold front brought showers and thunderstorms on Monday June 18th.

Some of the thunderstorms became severe over Northern MA & Southern NH with strong damaging wind gusts. These severe storms caused some power outages due to down trees and power lines. The strong damaging winds did not last long but caused damage in a short period of time. During the end of June we saw some heavy rains associated with a low pressure system on Thursday June 28.

After fairly dry conditions for a good part of June these rains were beneficial. One to two inches of rain fell with some areas in western MA seeing over two inches of rain. Some thunderstorms occurred with the rain over Cape Cod during the evening of June 28th. On Friday June 29th we saw a return to sunshine along with temperatures well into the 80s. An upper level high pressure system will strengthen and expand to the east coast pushing the jet stream to our north. This will put us on the south side (hot side) of the jet stream.

During the last day of June we saw temperatures reach into the low 90s. Sea breezes kept coastal areas and the beaches a little cooler. The strong upper level high pressure system can cause a heat wave. A heat wave occurs when the high temperatures are 90 degrees or higher for three consecutive days or more. The exception to getting a heat wave will be areas along the New England south coast especially Cape Cod & the Islands. The southwest winds blowing off the cool ocean waters cause cooler temperatures across Cape Cod & the Islands. Remember the ocean does not warm as fast as land areas during the spring and early summer. Some tips for hot weather, drink plenty of water, try and refrain from strenuous outdoor activities during the heat of the day.

Check in on elderly people to make sure they are okay. Children including infants and elderly people should be confined to air conditioning. Also do not leave children and pets in hot cars!! Wear light weight clothing (shorts). During the summer months we are more prone to thunderstorms due to the heat & humidity. Remember if you are outside and hear thunder then lightning is close by. Seek shelter immediately!

Get away from open areas where lightning can strike such as baseball fields, tennis courts and golf courses. When inside your home or shelter stay away from windows. Do not be under a tree!! Lightning can strike the tree and move down to the ground and strike you. If heavy rain occurs during a thunderstorm and you are driving and see flooded roads do not drive through the flooded roads!

Turn around and avoid the flooded roads. We have recently seen a lot of extremes in the weather with some chilly air in June followed by hot weather to end June and for the start of July. Will July be a hot month with many days over 90 degrees or will cooler less humid air return? Stay tuned to next month's article for the answer to this question. In the meantime stay safe and enjoy summer!!

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At least 80 percent of each category of respondents, including 96 percent of legislators, agreed that Massachusetts public schools should focus more on educating students in U.S. history.

More than four out of five (82 percent) teachers affirmed that there is a connection between subjects that are tested and those that are taught in schools, while 71 percent of parents saw a correlation between students not being required to pass a history test and the fact that Massachusetts students don't tend to perform as well in history as they do in English, math, and science.

When BESE postponed the U.S. history graduation requirement in 2009, they cited the $2.4 million cost of administering the test. Nearly 9 out of 10 (88 percent) legislators responding to the recent poll said the money to administer the test could be found within the $9.5 billion annual taxpayer investment in public education.

DAPA Research conducted the statewide surveys of 500 parents, 150 teachers, and interviews with 25 Massachusetts legislators. The poll of parents was conducted May 19- 25, 2018 and has a margin of error of 4.4 percentage points.

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extreme and persistent that it could hardly have been attributed to negligence alone. The systematic misdiagnosis of literally all symptoms associated with lymphoma in dogs over at least two years indicated willful neglect for the obvious purpose of holding on to a patient to maximize the income to the Clinic with expensive "Office Visits," ongoing alleged "Senior Wellness Programs," ineffective "treatments" and routine medicines instead of an appropriate and timely referral to an oncologist.

The case was brought before the Small Claims Court Dedham for a refund of Morty's inappropriate treatment charges for the two years preceding the fatal diagnosis of Stage IVb Lymphoma to honor this brave little dog's fight against Cancer and to send a message to Natick Animal Clinic and all other Veterinarians like them, who abuse their helpless patients as cash cows to extort monies from their trusting owners.

Unfortunately, the Small Claims Court's Magistrate Beth Cook issued a judgment in favor of the corporate defendants, Natick Animal Clinic, slyly omitting to find fault as would be required upon review of the indisputable documentation of deliberate abuse, provided by Morty's owners. Instead her "Judgment in Favor of the Defendants" sidelines the facts and simply states: "… the defendant(s) does not have to pay the plaintiff(s) any part of the claim costs." What a victory for Natick Animal Clinic, animal abusers and extortionists everywhere. The Massachusetts legal system once again prevailed in protecting the well-connected guilty with a strong message of encouragement for them to proceed with their crimes.

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A Sane Immigration Policy that Democrats Hate

With all the lies and misinformation in the so called "news" industry, it's important to keep focus on what is real and what is true when it comes to the immigration debate.

Sure, we all have opinions on immigration and illegal aliens, but before we can even approach a solution we have to understand that both sides of this issue are talking past each other.

In order to be able to call Trump and his supporters "racist, anti-immigrant or anti-immigration" for wanting to deport illegals, those who support open borders refer to illegals as "immigrants". They purposely want the public to be confused between illegals and "immigrants" as if they are one in the same.

This is false.

LEGAL IMMIGRATION

First, despite what you see on CNN every day, we Trump supporters are not against "immigration."

For the 25+ years I've been publicly debating and lecturing on the subject of immigration; I have always espoused the belief that controlled, legal immigration is a good thing for everyone. It is not illogical or inconsistent to be both, in-favor of expanding legal immigration (as I am) while also being in favor of deporting illegal aliens who broke into the country without permission.

When clueless pundits on TV talk about a "broken immigration system" they are usually talking about the way we handle illegal aliens. That system is not broken it just hasn't been enforced. It doesn't need fixing, it needs government officials who will do their jobs. Problem solved.

What IS broken, is the system governing legal immigration, with outrageous waiting periods, overwhelming costs, and requirements that most often leave people in limbo for decades.

People like me (core Trump supporters) advocate making it easier for people to come here legally. It should be easier, less expensive, and I would argue, better for America if we could increase the number of people who come here legally.

I (we) also believe that our government should try to select immigrants who are not hostile to our freedoms, our culture, or our way of life. Why would we, as just one example, allow avowed Nazis into the country to cause trouble when we could instead bring people from the Dominican Republic who have family here? This is about being compassionate but it's also about self-preservation and what's best for us.

People who want to become Americans and assimilate into our culture should be welcomed and given preference over those who do not. In fact, anyone who doesn't want that, shouldn't be allowed to come here at all.

America is the greatest country in the history of mankind. We are the greatest because we are a nation of laws not a nation of men who can change the laws to achieve a political result.

So, let's make one thing clear. Only citizens of the United States should have a say in who comes here and under what circumstance they are allowed to come. Only citizens of the United States should have a say in who stays, how long they stay, and whether or not they can become a citizen - not Mexico, and certainly not citizens of other countries.

A SANE COMPROMISE ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

It's clear the democrats in power in Washington D.C. want open borders with no restrictions. They want everyone on the planet to come here, get on welfare, get citizenship, and be indebted to their masters in the Democrat Party for generations to come.

They oppose a wall on our southern border and oppose deporting anyone who is here illegally, no matter what crime they may have committed. Party leaders even warn the public when Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are rounding up rapists, child molesters and murderers. On the other side of this debate are the Trump supporters who see this nonsense and want everyone deported. They have had enough of being demonized and made second class citizens in their own country.

But, there is a middle-ground compromise here that would benefit America as well as the illegals who are already here - that is - if the democrats in congress would stop selling out Latinos for five minutes and think about "the children".

GIVE AND TAKE

If Trump builds a wall to stop the drugs, guns, gangs, terrorists, and illegal aliens from streaming across the border without our permission; and if we deport anyone here illegally who commits a felony, then we are open to the idea of letting those already here illegally to stay in the country.

They certainly don't deserve citizenship because they broke the law and there are too many people in line ahead of them. But I'd be perfectly fine with giving them resident status to allow them to work, pay taxes, and "come out of the shadows".

But, the minute an illegal alien with resident status is found to be beating their wives, drunk driving, raping children, selling drugs, or committing other felonies - no matter how long they have been here - it's time to go home. There should be immediate deportation so we can make room for other immigrants who want to come here and behave themselves.

Does that sound like the position of a racist who only cares about skin color? I hardly think so.

AMNESTY OPPOSED BY SELFISH DEMOCRATS EMBRACED BY TRUMP SUPPORTERS

President Trump proposed giving full amnesty to illegals in exchange for a border wall.

The Democrats said no.

CNN and the rest of the Democrat controlled news media went into a tizzy said that the "Trump base" would never stand for amnesty of any kind. They predicted a civil war among Trump supporters saying, in effect, that Trump supporters are a bunch of racists who only oppose immigration because the people coming here have brown skin.

They were wrong. No civil war among the Trump base took place. Instead most Trump supporters were open to the idea. That's because it's never been about skin color.

As a solid member of Trump's base I am most concerned with the future not the present. I don't care about race I care about behavior. I would sooner deport an illegal alien from Ireland who beats his wife than a Dominican who is working hard and trying to live the American dream. I would dare say most Trump supporters feel the same way. But, you won't see that on CNN or the rest of the liberal news media. They are bought and paid for by the Democrat party.

TRAITORS TO LATINOS

Sadly, the people standing in the way of any compromises like amnesty for a wall, are the Democrats in power.

People like Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey don't want Donald Trump to give amnesty because they don't want Trump to get the credit for giving amnesty to as many as 30 million illegal aliens.

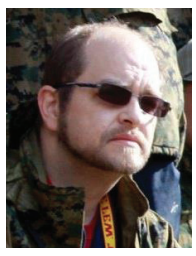
They are petrified that all of those new American citizens might not be indebted to the Democrat party anymore and they might actually start to vote for Republicans. Or not vote at all. So, the Democrat Party message is 'to hell with Latinos and immigrants if they aren't going to be on our team.'

That doesn't sound like a party that cares about "immigrants" or "Latinos".

It doesn't sound like a party that cares about racism or inequality. It sounds like a party that cares about itself and holding on to political power. All the while they are lecturing the rest of us about how morally superior they are for caring about the poor and racial minorities.

I firmly believe that if Latino "immigrants" started voting republican in overwhelming numbers, Trump supporters would not change their stand on deportations or building a wall. Democrats like Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey however, would be down at the southern border themselves building a wall with their bare hands, pouring the concrete and citing the rule of law as their guiding principal.

Their opposition to Trump's amnesty proposal is proof of that.



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House Passes Legislation to Force Automatic Voter Registration in MA

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MASSACHUSETTS REPRESENTATIVE

(BOSTON) – Lawrence Representative Frank A. Moran (D) joined his colleagues in the House to pass legislation creating an efficient and streamlined automatic voter registration (AVR) system, while also protecting the privacy of individuals.

This legislation directs the Secretary of State to work with the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) and MassHealth to automatically enroll eligible individuals to the Commonwealth's voter rolls. The Secretary of State will adopt regulations governing the AVR system, including provisions requiring electronic transmission, data security protocols, and integration with online portals.

"Making voting easier, while also making elections more secure, is paramount to any democracy. This bill ensures we work with cities and towns across the Commonwealth as we implement automatic voter registration. This legislation will benefit the Commonwealth for years to come by increasing voter participation, and I thank Speaker DeLeo for his leadership and support of this critical initiative," said Representative Moran.

"Increasing the number of people who are registered to vote will enhance our democracy and make our government more reflective of the people we represent," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. "I thank Chairman Mahoney for his leadership and the advocates who raised their voices."

"I am proud to see Massachusetts continue to lead the way in voting rights to ensure that everyone who is a resident has the ability to participate in our democracy," said Representative John J. Mahoney, Chair of the Joint Committee on Election Laws (D-Worcester). "The House, under Speaker DeLeo's leadership, has taken decisive action to reform and improve our elections systems, and this legislation demonstrates our commitment to further progress."

Under this legislation, registration agencies will transmit electronic records of the legal name, age, residence, citizenship information, and electronic signature of each qualified person to the board of registrars of the municipality where the person lives. The board of registrars will then send a notice to the individual informing them that they have been registered to vote and offer the opportunity to choose a party affiliation or decline to be registered. If the individual does not decline within 21 days, their name will automatically be added to the voter lists.

The name and address of program participants will remain confidential and the Secretary of State will establish security measures to protect voter information.

The bill also requires Massachusetts to join the Electronic Registration Information Center, a non-profit that assists member states with improving voter roll accuracy and

increasing access to voter registration.

Under this legislation, automatic voter registration would begin on January 1, 2020.

The bill now moves to the Senate for its consideration.

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Lawrence Man Arrested for Heroin in Norwood

On June 30th, Norwood Massachusetts Police Officer McKinney, while on routine patrol, observed suspicious behavior by an individual in the parking lot by Stash's Pizza.

The individual then took off down Route 1 at a high rate of speed, approximately 80 mph. When Officers McKinney, Greene and Landry attempted to stop the vehicle the operator began throwing objects out the window and did not immediately stop.

The officers were able to eventually stop the vehicle and secure the operator. Officer Greene then went and located the object that was thrown from the vehicle, a Styrofoam cup containing 23 bags of heroin.

The operator, Amir Alberto Malagon Bisono, from Lawrence, was arrest and charged with Trafficking in 18 Grams of Heroin, Littering, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Failing to Stop for Police and Speeding.

The total weight of heroin seized was 23.9 grams.

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7 Year Old Suffers Permanent Brain Injuries in Boxford Crash, Mother Charged with OUI-Drugs

By: Tom Duggan

A Haverhill woman is being arraigned this morning after crashing her car in Boxford yesterday with two children in the car while she was under the influence of drugs.

A witness at the scene said she admitted to EMS that she had been using drugs just prior to the accident. In the car were her 2 children, 2 and 7 years old .

The seven year old had permanent brain injuries and was med-flighted to Boston where it is in critical condition.

The Haverhill woman driving the car was charged with: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs causing serious bodily injury to a child, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs (second offense).

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HELP THE HOMELESS

Every Wednesday night a volunteer group called "The Movement Family" serves a family style meal for the homeless at the Buckley Garage on Common Street in Lawrence. In the last five weeks The Valley Patriot has put out a call on Facebook looking for local business in the community to help with food donations resulting in several businesses and individuals stepping forward. We want to thank Rick Comeau owner of 5 Dragons Martial Arts Academy in Salisbury and Haverhill, for donating a full dinner to the 20+ homeless people at the bus stop. Rich paid out of pocket for dinner from Pizza Factory in North Andover who threw in some free meals to help out themselves. We also want to thank Bob St Louis for donating dinner from Jocelyn's Mediterranean Restaurant & Lounge (who gave Bob a discount for his generosity) to feed 20+ people, Stachey's Pizza in North Andover, as well as Shannon Marie who pitched in and cooked food to help feed the homeless on another night. We are ALWAYS looking for restaurants and eateries to donate dinner for the homeless for Wednesday night's family dinner. Please email me if you know anyone interested and I will even come pick up the food and deliver it myself.

THERE'S AN ELECTION GOING ON SEPTEMBER 4th SO WAKE UP!

This year's state primaries will be held on September 4th, the day after Labor Day and some say that Secretary of State Bill Galvin scheduled it that way to keep voter turnout low. Low voter turnouts traditionally favor incumbents getting reelected and Galvin faces a real primary challenge this year from a left-wing radical who believes in open borders and allowing illegal aliens to vote. The Secretary of State is in charge of state elections, so no matter how much you may not like Galvin, here's hoping that he can get past Josh Zakim or we are in really big trouble.

CONGRESSIONAL RACE TO BE DECIDED

With ten candidates running for the Democratic Party's nomination for congress, the winner of this primary on September 4th will most likely be elected in the November final election as the 3rd congressional district is very liberal and includes Lowell, Haverhill, and Lawrence.

Here are your candidates: Jeff Ballinger, Alexandra Chandler, Abhijit Das, Rufus Gifford, Leonard Golder, Dan Koh, Barbara L'Italien, Juana Matias, Bopha Malone, and Lori Trahan. Quite frankly there's not much difference between any of these candidates. They are all for abortion on demand up till birth, open borders, giving amnesty to illegal aliens, allowing illegals to vote, support higher taxes, more government

TOM DUGGAN'S NOTEBOOK

PHOTO: RICH RUSSELL

Valley Patriot publisher Tom Duggan and Loop Weekly publisher Tim Wood on the set of The Paying Attention Podcast showing people what friendly rivalry and disagreement is all about. You can watch Tom's appearance on "Looped in Live" on Facebook and you can watch Tim's appearance on Paying Attention Podcast on YouTube or you can download it on iTunes, iHeartradio, Spotify, etc.

spending, and are obsessed with race and gender division.

A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING... WILLIE LANTIGUA IS BACK

Yes, political genius William Lantigua is looking to get back into his old job as a state representative and with a very low turnout expected on September 4th in Lawrence, he might just be able to pull it off. Once again it comes down to Marcos Devers vs. Willie Lantigua and while many have written off Lantigua, (and Lantigua himself relishes being underestimated) I cannot caution people strongly enough not to dismiss Lantigua's chances. The final election will not matter in this race, it's all going to be decided in the primary

JUANA MATIAS FOR CONGRESS – Of the candidates above one of them is going to win for sure. So, I'm sticking with Juana Matias on this one. She is at least honest about where she stands. She recently did a video where she calls for ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) to be abolished so that every illegal alien here can stay, even the gang members and drug dealers. She clearly wants to let everyone on planet earth come to the United States and get on every welfare program that exists. Given that I disagree with all of these stands how can I support her? Because Juana doesn't double-talk. She's very direct and unlike the other candidates she doesn't deny how she really feels on open borders, socialism, using the government to engage in racism against white people, sexism against men and all the other left-wing positions she believes in. Of course she phrases it differently but she doesn't shy away from her anti-constitutional views. Juana is part of a movement called the Democratic Socialists and is taking a lot of their money. Democratic Socialists issued a statement last month outlining their political platform. "Abolish profit, abolish prisons, abolish cash bail, abolish borders."

Of course, anyone who has been paying attention to the Democratic Party at the national level knows that most of the dems in power in Washington D.C. believe the exact same thing. But, just try asking them about it directly and you will hear a lot of distractions and poll tested political phrases that don't actually mean anything.

At least Juana Matias isn't lying to the voters about her ultimate political goals. So, if anyone from this crowd is going to end up the congressman from the 3rd district I'd prefer someone who is going to be honest about selling out Americans citizens and the American taxpayers rather than a phony who smiles and pretends they care about

American citizens or are really fighting for "rights".

FERRY vs. MINICUCCI

In Methuen and North Andover there's an open state rep. seat because incumbent Diana DiZoglio is running for state senate. Since this is a district dominated by Democrats, whoever wins the primary is surely to be the winner in November. Former Methuen City Councilor Lisa Ferry is facing off against first time candidate Christine Minicucci from North Andover. With a low turnout this race should be Lisa Ferry's to lose. After all, the district was purposely carved up to give Methuen candidates a lock on this seat. Plus, State Rep. Diana DiZoglio is endorsing Ferry and working hard to help her get elected. But Minicucci has a lot of money and the support of the Methuen Mayor who obvoiusly does not want a state rep from Methuen this time around, so this race is going to really come down to turnout.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS - The current Register of Deeds is former Lawrence State Rep. M. Paul Iannuccillo and he has a tough fight on primary day. The Register of Deeds is in charge of all property deeds in this part of Essex County. It's a six-year term and it's an important government position because the person who holds that job can affect the purchase or sale of real property. This year, Ianncillo faces two challengers in the primary; Alexcy Vega the City of Lawrence's current City Assessor and former Lawrence City Councilor Michael Fielding, who has the support of former Lawrence Mayor Willie Lantigua. With Iannuccillo having two opponents dividing up the votes of people planning on voting against him it puts him in the front-runner's seat... for now. The daily newspaper, however, seems to hate him and will be actively campaigning against him as they have published several negative "gotcha" stories, so there is a legitimate chance he could be unseated. This race will be largely ignored. Don't ignore it. Go on line and research all three candidates and make up your own mind when you vote in this race. But, whatever you do, make sure you vote in this race.

STATE SENATE BARRY FINEGOLD IS BAAAAACK (yawn).

Since State Senator Barbara L'Italien is leaving the senate to run for congress, that leaves her seat open. Enter the guy who used to have that seat; Barry Finegold. Come on, you guys remember Barry. I know it's hard to remember him sometimes because he's very low key and doesn't really do anything, but surely you remember he was Willie Lantigua's biggest champion at the state house. You also might remember the only thing he actually did accomplish as a legislator was "baby

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drop-off" whereby mothers who no longer want the responsibility for their children can just abandon the kid(s) at any fire station and just walk away with immunity, no questions asked. Challenging Barry in the September 4th primary is Lawrence Firefighter Mike Armano. Armano is a young and energetic candidate who is working hard and will take a lot of votes away from Finegold in Lawrence, especially among union voters. Joe Espinola is running as a Republican and is working the district hard and will be able to take votes away from Finegold in Dracut and among the blue-collar voters. He may even surprise some people in Lawrence. Finegold is the front runner here but with a low turnout anything can happen.

METHUEN - SABA SAYS PRIOR COUNCILORS WERE "SLEEPING"

While many people are blaming the Methuen police for the budget mess, Methuen City Councilor Steve Saba said on "Looped in Live" with Tim Wood that the budget mess was caused by the prior city council and the current school committee. During his appearance, he said the prior council was "asleep" adding that they were just a "rubber stamp" and called for an investigation into their previous actions.

"The previous council and previous mayor... just watch the meetings. Everything was just being rubber stamped. They bragged about the fact that they had such short meetings," he said. Saba added that the school department budget shortfall was not the fault of the police, but the school committee.

"So, had the school committee come to us in January and clearly said 'listen, new councilors, we are out of money, so we can't open our doors unless we go in the red.' We were half way through the budget in January. We could have opened the budget and made the cuts. But when you come to us at the end of the year and say 'by the way, we are over by $4M in the red... who does that?"

SABA ALSO CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION INTO CITY CONTRACTS

Methuen Councilor Steve Saba during that interview with Tim Wood on "Looped in Live" said that a criminal investigation is needed on the actions of the prior council and mayor. "We need an investigation not just over the contracts, but the AG's (Attorney General's) office will investigate the contracts, but we need an investigation city-wide on a lot of stuff and that's the Inspector General's Office. So, what I'm looking for is an investigation... either two (investigations) or a joint investigation of both to come in and look through the city and look at what's been going on."

CAMPAGNONE ATTACKS FINOCCHIARO FOR FACEBOOK POST THEN ADMITS SHE DIDN'T EVEN READ IT

While we all love Joyce (this is where Tim Wood reminds us that she loves puppies and cares about the community) she pulled one of the dumbest stunts I've seen in a long time last month. During budget discussions Joyce decided to take time away from the public's business to attack Councilor Jessica Finocchiaro. This is not really new for Joyce. She has been seen rolling her eyes and heard sighing deeply into the microphone whenever Jessica is talking about ... well, anything. This time, however she took to the microphone to attack Jess for what she said was a posting on Facebook that was "inaccurate". Joyce went on and on dressing her down and criticizing her (not by name, but was staring right at her while she was talking), claiming that Jess "misinformed" the public about that night's meeting. "I got calls about this," she said during the meeting. But, then admitted she never even read the Facebook post she was publicly complaining about. "I don't use the Facebook, I don't even look at it," she admitted. "But people were telling me."

It seems someone is whispering in Joyce's ear, using her to attack Jessica for political reasons and Joyce is simply falling for it. For the record, what Finocchiaro posted on Facebook was NOT inaccurate and did NOT misinform the voters. If Joyce had bothered to actually read the Facebook post she was publicly complaining about she would not have made a fool of herself and the city council that night.

For his part Steve Saba also took a cheap shot at Jessica, not only at the meeting but on Looped in Live with Tim Wood where he said social media was not helping and that "certain" posts on social media were causing problems. So much for transparency. Saba is wrong on this. The fact is, most voters are now getting their information on local politics from Facebook and other social media sites. If more elected officials utilized social media to INFORM the public about what's going on, Methuen voters might be more educated and might not be in this mess to begin with. I'm just hoping all these childish cheap shots at Jessica will stop and the council will spend every waking moment fixing the budget mess and doing the work the voters elected them to do.

LOOPED IN LIVE WITH TIM WOOD

So, last month Tim Wood from Loop Weekly asked me to come on his show "Looped in Live" to talk about local Methuen issues. Almost immediately after he announced on Facebook that I would be his guest, the Duggan-haters tried to kill my appearance by intimidating him into canceling me as a guest because, obviously I'm just evil! I have to give Wood credit though, he didn't buckle under the pressure and the show went on as planned. And it was a great discussion where we agreed on some things, disagreed on others, and were able to do so in a civil and mature way. It's great to have someone like Tim in the local news business who understands what friendly rivalry is all about and knows how to stand up to the insider bullies in politics. You should go to the Loop Weekly's video gallery on Facebook and check out Looped in Live. And while you are there make sure you patronize his advertisers, because they are the reason we have yet one more voice on the political scene who is completely independent and isn't afraid of the corrupt insiders who try to silence dissenting voices.

STILL COVERING UP?

During Methuen budget discussions last month Councilor Steve Saba made a motion to cut an accounting position out of the police budget. It was the budget positions that was voted on last year by former

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Left to right; Chelsea Buell, Incoming Exchange Club President Linda Buell, and Methuen State Representative Linda Dean Campbell.

Linda Buell of Methuen Honored at the State House as an Unsung Heroine

(BOSTON) – The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women gathered alongside legislators in the Great Hall to honor women from various municipalities across the state as members of the Unsung Heroines Class of 2018. Unsung Heroines are nominated and honored by state legislators annually for their dedication to making a difference in their communities.

The women serve as mentors, volunteers, and leaders that enrich their neighborhoods and communities without the expectation of receiving recognition. Without the hard work and dedication of these inspiring women, cities and towns across the Commonwealth could not provide the vital services and talents that these women bring to their local groups and organizations.

Representative Linda Dean Campbell nominated Linda Buell of Methuen as a member of the Unsung Heroine Class of 2018. Linda is deeply involved and committed to serving the Methuen community. She is currently the Vice President and Branch Manager of the People's United Bank in Methuen and will begin her third term as President of the Methuen Exchange Club in July. Prior to election as President of the Exchange Club, Linda rose through the ranks serving as Treasurer, New England District President, Secretary, and Division Director. The Exchange Club is nationally known for the work they do around child abuse prevention and support for youth. The Methuen branch supports this mission through its work with local organizations and community partners, most notably in support of the children at St. Ann's Home in Methuen.

Linda is also involved with the Michael B. Christensen Family Support Center in Lawrence, which seeks to reduce child abuse and neglect by helping families develop necessary social

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Lawrence Man Sentenced for Opioid Trafficking Conspiracy

BOSTON – A Lawrence man was sentenced in federal court in Boston last week for his role in an opioid trafficking conspiracy involving the distribution of fentanyl, heroin, and oxycodone across Massachusetts and Florida.

Juan Reyes, 29, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Denise J. Casper to 55 months in prison and three years of supervised release. In March 2018, Reyes pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute oxycodone and one count of conspiracy to launder monetary instruments.

Reyes and several co-conspirators were arrested in March 2017 for their roles in a widespread conspiracy involving opioid trafficking and money laundering offenses in Massachusetts and Florida. Their arrests were the result of a three-year federal investigation into opioid-trafficking in New England.

From at least 2014, Reyes and co-conspirator Craig Drummond, of Sunny Isles Beach, Fla., transported sizeable quantities of oxycodone from Miami, Fla., to Massachusetts, where it was distributed in the greater Boston area. Proceeds from the illicit oxycodone sales were then transported back to Florida and laundered in various ways.

Drummond pleaded guilty and is scheduled to be sentenced on Oct. 12, 2018.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Brian D. Boyle, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Boston Field Division; Kristina O'Connell, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation in Boston; Delany De Leon-Colon, Acting Inspector in Charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service; John Gibbons, U.S. Marshal for the District of Massachusetts; and Mickey D. Leadingham, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Boston Field Division, made the announcement today. Valuable assistance was provided by the Massachusetts State Police and the Biddeford (Maine), Framingham, Haverhill, Lawrence, Manchester (N.H.), Methuen, Millis, Natick, Stoughton, and Waltham Police Departments. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Nadine Pellegrini and Craig Estes of Lelling's Narcotics and Money Laundering Unit prosecuted the case.

Delphi Technology Solutions Sponsors North Andover Middle School at Fenway

Delphi Technology Solutions, Inc. of Lawrence, sponsored the North Andover Middle School (NAMS) singing the National Anthem at Fenway Park for the Boston Red Sox game against the Los Angeles Angels on Thursday, June 28th.

The NAMS Parent Teacher Advisory Council raises funds for the school in many creative ways. Through a special sale of a block of bleacher tickets at Fenway Park, NAMS PTAC gave select students the opportunity to sing our nation's anthem at the ball game.

Forty NAMS students were selected to represent their school singing the National Anthem.

"I view singing the national anthem at Fenway as a tribute to our veterans who have served as well as an opportunity to help my school out in any way that I can with my vocal talents" says Kaleb Rhoton, a student of North Andover Middle School selected to represent the school and sing our anthem.

"Supporting our local schools and programs for children is one of my favorite ways to give back to our local communities. It is rewarding to be able to help a student experience their goals and dreams while simultaneously investing in America's future." says President and CEO

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An Interview with Comedian Lenny Clark

PLAYING AT SALVATORE'S - FRIDAY JULY 27th

Famed comedian and TV star Lenny Clark was at the Westin Hotel last month to do a fundraiser for U.S. Senate candidate Geoff Diehl. Having known and hung out with Clark in a previous life I was happy to accept an invitation from Lenny to do an interview prior to his performance.

TOM: "Now we knew each other way back when at…"

LENNY: "96.9FM TALK, that's right! We did radio together, we're lucky we're still alive."

TOM: "Well, you were fat back then. I remember you used to lament that if you could only lose some pounds you could feel better because you used to feel so horrible all the time. I haven't run into you since then. I didn't realize you had lost all this weight. How did you do that?"

LENNY: "Look at this," he said standing up. "I've lost 200 pounds. I just got sick and tired of being fat and had lost a lot of weight I lost 180 pounds on my own. Then I lost the rest at New England Fat Loss.com check it out if you are a fatty. I've lost the weight and kept if off and I feel great. Look I'm wearing colored pants," he said remembering when he couldn't even see his pants. "I'm just really happy to be able to see my junk again."

TOM: "Do you still see Michele McPhee?"

LENNY: "I love Michele McPhee! I adore her, she's great and she's looking fantastic; I really love her and I'd love to do some (work) with her. She's just awesome."

TOM: "Why are you here, tonight."

LENNY: "I'm here to support Geoff Diehl against Elizabeth Warren and I have to tell you, I don't have anything bad to say about Elizabeth Warren. I don't have anything good to say about her either," he said laughing.

"I just really like him I have to tell you I have kind of the same feel as when I was working for Scott Brown. When I worked for Scott Brown he was down 36 points in the polls against Martha Coakley. They said there was no way he could win. This guy (Geoff Diehl) is two points behind to the senior senator from Massachusetts, Mrs. Elizabeth "Oklahoma Girl" Warren. She came from Oklahoma. Geoff's born and bred around here. He's a great guy and I think he would be a terrific senator. He's the type of guy who, if you call his office, if he doesn't pick up the phone someone who does will get him to get back to you. I don't know how much success you have with calling (Warren's) office. I have not."

TOM: "You are playing Salvatore's next month on July 27th…

LENNY: "I'm very excited about Salvatore's and I hope he sells out because that's a big place. And I'll tell you what, when you get that place (filled) with the great people of Lawrence and Lowell and Methuen that place is rocking. The guy who owns it (Mike Agricola) is a wonderful guy."

TOM: "He's a big fan of yours."

LENNY: "I'm, a big fan of his. And of course, I'm going up there with "Tumbling" Jack Walsh. He's a really funny guy and when you get him on stage he's one of the funniest guys, pound for pound, that I know. And I'm glad to have him with me."

TOM: "You've done a lot of great TV shows, "Rescue Me" and "The Job" what are the ones you miss the most, what were your favorites?"

LENNY: "The Job was one of my all-time favorites, of course 'Lenny' was great because it was my first, you never forget your first. The people I worked with were great. The guy who played my father

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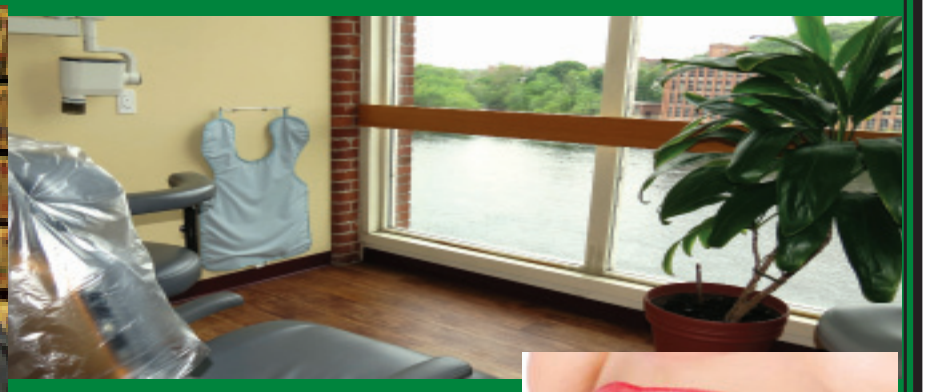

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Charlie Baker and the Small Republican Tent

Brian Genest
VALLEY PATRIOT DRACUT COLUMNIST

Broken promises. Broken partnerships. Broken party. Charlie Baker is a broken politician and he's fractured the MassGOP, too.

Remember when Charlie Baker used to be a Republican? It was way back in 2010, the first time he ran and lost the governor's race. At the time, he was pro-life, pro-reform and pro-Republican.

In 2014, however, during his second run, the MassGOP (ahem) cleaned up the party platform, getting rid of references about supporting life and traditional marriage. Suddenly, Charlie Baker was pro-choice and celebrating diversity.

That year, the MassGOP Convention was a total embarrassment, exposing an organization riddled with either dimwitted chaos, deliberate corruption or both. As a result of trying to (ahem) clean up the balloting by breaking its own rules, the party paid $275,000 to settle a lawsuit brought by Charlie Baker's opponent, conservative Mark Fisher.

Remember when Charlie Baker promised the MassGOP had a "big tent?" After winning the election, he led the charge to (ahem) clean up the state committee, trying to purge conservatives and replace them with a herd of RINOs. In the process, he ignited a battle with the grassroots activists who helped propel him to victory. It was Charlie Baker and the MassGOP who picked the fight, burned the bridges and caused the bad blood with conservatives, not the other way around.

Here in Dracut, Republicans beat back the challenge from Charlie Baker's hand-picked candidate. Instead, GOP voters handily elected conservative Ruth Chou to represent our town on the state committee (along with Tewksbury, Andover and Lawrence). It was the beginning of the end with Charlie Baker for many conservatives in our state and our town, including me.

Fast forward to 2018. This year, Charlie Baker and his not-so-big-tent party (ahem) cleaned up the party rules again. This time, it was to ensure his opponent, Dr. Scott Lively, would not receive any party funds for his campaign. (What Dr. Scott Lively did get was 27% of the vote from convention delegates -- nearly double the amount needed to force a primary election!) Nothing scares Charlie Baker and the MassGOP more than a pro-life, pro-gun and pro-Trump conservative like Dr. Scott Lively. Charlie Baker never even mentioned the Second Amendment during his convention speech this year, in a state where Attorney General Maura Healey is doing everything she can to take away our right to possess a firearm. He didn't mention President Trump, either, but he delivered his dud of an oration to a sea of delegates wearing red Make America Great Again hats.

Speaking of which, Charlie Baker is the ultimate Never Trumper. He didn't vote for our party's nominee for president in 2016 and he hasn't stopped quivering and whining ever since, either. Everything from stopping would-be terrorists from entering our country to dismantling Obamacare offends Charlie Baker's squishy sensibilities. So did a visit from the Vice President, which Charlie Baker ducked.

Since the MassGOP Convention, conservatives across the state, including members of the Dracut Republican Town Committee, have been under fire from GOP establishment RINOs. One angry, bald, rumpswab -- from Peabody, of all places -- accused our group of being racist and said we don't belong in the GOP. But Charlie Baker belongs? (We aren't the only RTC dealing with these false accusations. But Charlie Baker and the MassGOP have stayed silent, failing to condemn these baseless attacks on those of us who do the work for the party.) Our crime? We hosted Dr. Scott Lively at one of our monthly meetings, just like we do for any and all GOP candidates, as well as local candidates running for office in non-partisan races.

We're not racists, bigots or anything else. We're Republicans. We believe in increasing voter participation through candidate meetings and discussions of the issues. We believe the process is strongest and healthiest when there are multiple candidates running for a seat, especially Republican candidates. We believe in letting the candidates articulate their views and letting the voters make educated decisions. Unlike Charlie Baker and the MassGOP.

Meanwhile, Charlie Baker's holding hands with House Speaker Robert DeLeo and the Democrat supermajority in the Massachusetts legislature so tightly that it has apparently cut off the blood flow to that huge-but-useless rock above his neck. His accomplishments are razor thin and super sad. A record-high $43 billion state budget. Huge pay raises for do-nothing-but-tax-and-spend legislators. A state police force with the types of scandals you'd expect in Tijuana. The "most popular governor in America" couldn't even get his charter school expansion passed by voters at the ballot box here at home! (It was defeated by a nearly 2-to-1 margin.) And, now, he signs the "Grand Bargain" into law.

Of course, it was a great deal for the Beacon Hill power brokers and special interests. But it's going to cost taxpayers a small fortune: $775 million in new taxes, to be exact. Employers and workers will be footing the bill via a new payroll tax. As a result, more small businesses and jobs will be heading up to NH. (Be sure to thank State Rep. Colleen Garry for voting to screw us, again; she's busy patting herself

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Progress Made on Budget & Chargebacks for Methuen Schools

D.J. Deeb
METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Significant progress has been made in revising the City Chargebacks and Medicaid Reimbursements Agreements with the City of Methuen as well as an agreement in principle with the Mayor on the need to provide additional funding for Methuen Public Schools with a compromise budget.

On Thursday, June 28th members of the Methuen School Committee met to discuss a proposal by the Mayor to fund the School Department at $78 Million. The proposal allows an additional approximate $500,000 from Medicaid reimbursement and the City's Cable account. The School Committee had originally proposed a budget of $82.5 Million in March, which yours truly voted against since I felt that was not fiscally responsible, to address the needs of the District. After additional meetings with the Superintendent it was agreed that $78.5 Million will adequately address the needs of all students in the School District. This compromise is a significant increase over the Mayor's original proposal of $74 Million. According to Superintendent Judy Scannell, this revised figure will enable the School District to recall all teachers who received pink slips and some additional support staff. In addition, Superintendent Scannell insured the School Committee that the $78.5 Million will meet the needs of all the students in the District and will not result in fewer programs or user fees. Unfortunately, with increased special education mandates and the influx of students to Methuen, the School District will still have to lay-off up to 9 administrators and 4 secretaries. Some of these positions can also be recalled if additional funding comes from the State or through other grants. The School Committee voted 4-2 to accept the compromise $78 Million with Mayor Jajuga abstaining and members Jana DiNatale and Jana Zanni Pesce voting against. DiNatale and Pesce were opposed to the compromise and favored a higher budget number.

In an ideal world the School District would have been funded at $82.5 Million. This would have allowed Methuen Schools to add additional programs and services to benefit students. However, there is also a responsibility to balance programs with being fiscally responsible to taxpayers. We cannot spend what we cannot afford and we need to live within our means. The current budget crisis calls for shared responsibility and once again the School Department is leading by example. I hope that other departments in the City, especially the Police Department, follow suit.

It is common for cities and towns across the Commonwealth to bill the School Department for services rendered as part of a municipal chargebacks agreement. Methuen has followed this practice for decades, but the old agreement was controversial. Last Fall I was appointed to serve on the Chargebacks sub-committee along with School Committee members Nick DiZoglio and Bob Vogler. We worked for months with City officials and the School Department to reach a new chargebacks agreement. This is an issue that several School Committee members, including yours truly, campaigned on and I am very happy to announce that a new agreement has been reached.

For years the Methuen Schools have been forced to pay part of the line-item

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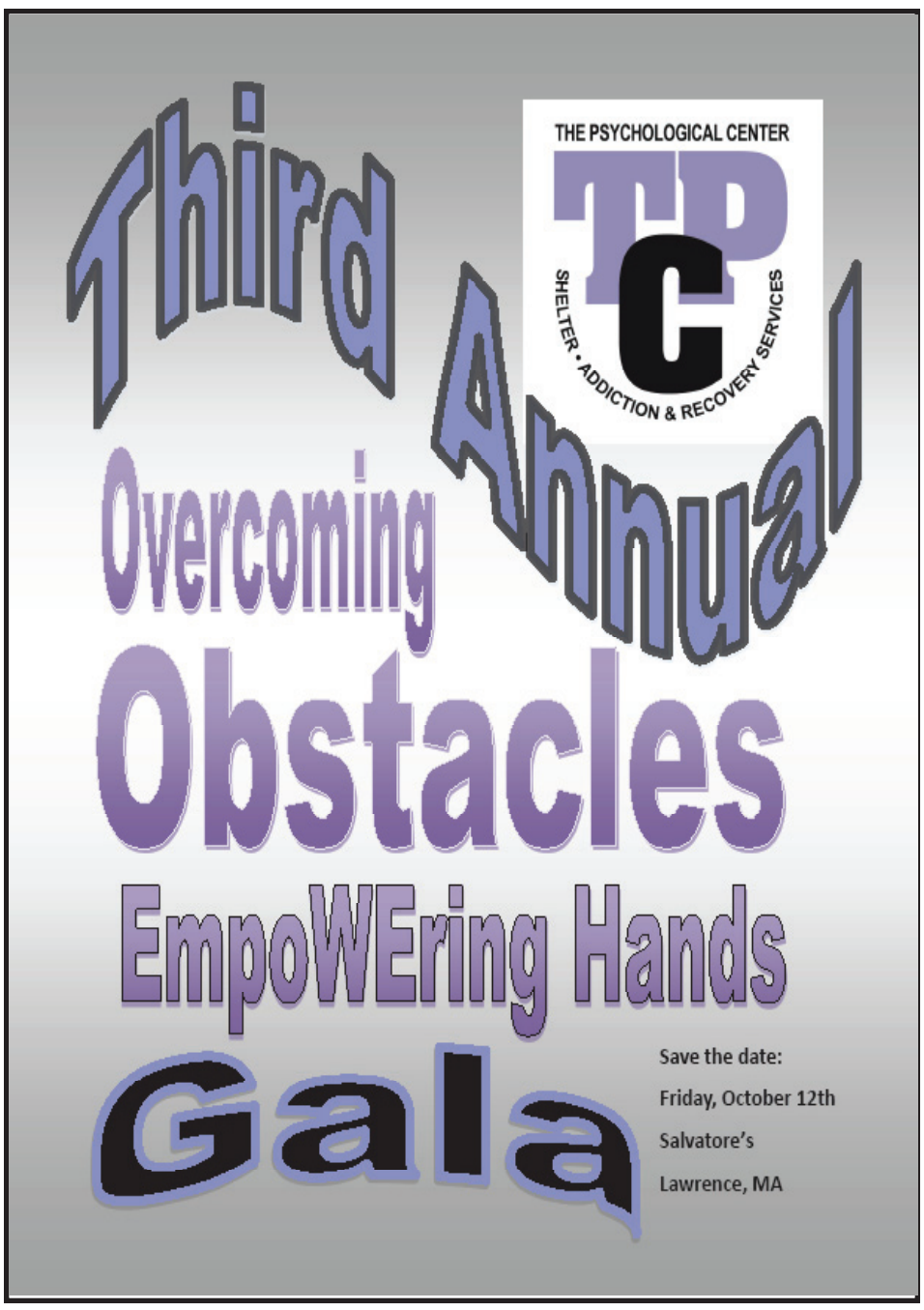

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PHOTO: TOM DUGGAN

The City of Lawrence has been negligent in fixing the traffic lights at the corner of Common and Franklin Street over the last several weeks leaving a blinking yellow light on the Common Street side of the intersection and a blinking red light on the Franklin Street side. As the result there have been numerous accidents at this intersection including this one on June 23rd where the man in the blue car was thrown out of the windshield and landed on the pavement (seen in stretcher at right). He was rushed to the hospital and is in good condition.

One of our Valley Patriot news spotters took this photo earlier this month of a car fire on Route 495 South in Haverhill. All the occupants made it out ok.

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ABBY'S TEEN TALK

Influence of Social Media and Young Women in the Workplace

Abigail Juknavorian
VALLEY PATRIOT TEEN COLUMNIST

The presence of social media is daunting. It can be used to communicate both good and bad opinions on many current situations and experiences. Social media also plays a large role in influencing the minds and culture of young people in the world; especially young women. With the recent exposure of the mistreatment of women in the workplace through the #MeToo movement, many questions have been raised about how these young women react to these new allegations and situations. As a young woman myself, this "revolution" of sorts raises a lot of second guesses for me in terms of opportunities for future employment.

In a recent survey from Vox Media in partnership with Morning Consult, women under the age of 35 expressed great concern about the Me Too movement "causing men to deny women professional opportunities." When Tarana Burke started the Me Too movement over a decade ago, she never expected so many celebrities such as Ashley Judd and Rose McGowan to get involved. Their overwhelming presence on social media truly gave them the platform to advocate and educate the younger generations about how they were mistreated. Especially when they themselves were trying to create job opportunities at a young age.

As their ideas began to spread, I became very nervous about living my daily life. How do men see me? Am I just an object? How will this affect my career? Like many other teens, I am in the process of looking for a summer job. I tend to get very nervous when thinking about where I want to work. I think it's kind of a sad fact that I want to make sure I have a woman as my boss. Furthermore I've even considered working at a business where men don't typically apply.

The attention brought to these things on social media has had beneficial impacts as well. Many older women are now more freely giving out younger generation advice and providing comfort to their concerns. Social media gives women a voice. It allows them to make the change they've always wanted to see happen. I personally applaud the efforts made by many to bring these situations to light. As uncomfortable as it makes people feel, it is a good thing to finally talk openly about.

Here's hoping that young women will now find that employers are more opt to hire them because they are truly seeing the potential in them rather than what a gender standard entails. Here's hoping that men are now seeing women as the hard workers they've always been. Social media is truly both a blessing and a curse. However with its power to shed light upon the many things that are unfair in our world today, and given the right conditions, awareness and opportunity can surely follow.

Abigail Juknavorian is a junior in high school and a resident of Methuen. She is a member of the YMCA Youth and Government Press Corps and a delegate to the UMASS Lowell Model UN.

BENEATH THE SURFACE

A Deathbed Epiphany

Paul Murano
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Recently a 62 year old woman was lying on her deathbed, at home, after doctors had given her weeks to live. We'll call her Emily. She had lived a full life but cancer had gotten best of her in recent months. On one of her last days, Emily's children and grandchildren came to visit her to look over old pictures. It proved to be a touching evening, celebrating her life through pictures.

They began with recent pictures of Emily and then went backwards in time for each decade of her life. In the most recent decade they saw pictures of Emily holding two of her newborn grandchildren. Upon entering the 21st century there were pictures of Emily and her husband, Bob, on various vacations – the Bahamas, a cruise to the Jamaica, and their trip to Europe. The 1990s had pictures of Emily raising her children. There was one of her singing Happy Birthday to her oldest son Matthew who had turned 12. Another had her holding her youngest daughter Megan when she was two. Emily looked youthful in these pictures, but tired. The 1980s portrayed Emily's wedding pictures. She was much thinner then, and looked stunning in her gown. The pictures from the 1970s showed her as a cheerleader, playing softball, and graduating high school. Emily laughed from her bed at the styles of dress and hair she allowed herself to have. Yet, in spite of this, one could find glimpses of her daughters and grandchildren in her face. It made the family smile as they passed around the images.

Pictures from the 1960s revealed Emily as a teenager. She described these pictures as her awkward stage. Another image showed Emily in a white dress and white hat. She was 7 years old and it was her First Communion. There were also pictures of Emily as a toddler, a baby, and one immediately after she was born, held by her exhausted mother. Then they found one more set of interesting pictures.

After her children and grandchildren enjoyed seeing Emily as a grandmother, mother, bride, teenager, child, and baby, they then turned to her pictures in utero. Ultrasound sonography, very popular in the late 70s and beyond, was actually invented in 1956. Emily was one of the nation's first babies to have had her picture taken with it. One picture was Emily one month before she was born. Although a bit grainy, her mouth looked open as if she was in the middle of a yawn. A couple months before that a picture was taken of her at 6 months post-conception. She seemed to be sucking her thumb. The picture before that was Emily three months post-conception. Her organs were developing and Emily seemed to have a good amount of room to move around within her mother's womb. Ida, her mother, had passed away a few years earlier, but was fondly remembered in these pictures. This was the first picture ever taken of Emily. She was tiny, but visible.

This was a memorable night for Emily and her family. The pictures showed Emily lived a full life, from her conception to this very night, as she rested with her family knowing her death was approaching.

That night, however, something hit her like a ton of bricks. Emily realized that if her life had not been protected by law at its most vulnerable stage - the first several months in her mother's womb – her last 62 years may never have happened.

If Emily had been terminated around the time any of these early pictures of her were taken, she would not have been here tonight celebrating her life with her family. In fact, her daughters Kathy and Cindy never would have existed, nor would her sons Peter and Jeremy. Her grandchildren, sitting there with her never would have come into existence. Her husband Bob would have had a totally different life, and all the countless people Emily touched – as a nurse for 25 years, a soccer mom and member of the PTA, as a sister, neighbor, and friend helping people through very difficult times – all of this never would have happened had Emily been one of the nameless victims of abortion, now in the tens of millions.

Although a self-proclaimed feminist for much of her life and a big believer of women's rights, that night, on her deathbed in the company of her husband, children, and grandchildren, Emily silently became pro-life. The blinders came off and for the first time she was able to see the bigger picture. Being close to death opened Emily's heart to understanding life.

Pictures tell a story; they do not lie. It is beyond sad how many people today still

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Blocking Doctors Begins Earlier Than Thought

Bharani Padmanabhan, MD, PhD
MEDICAL CORRUPTION COLUMNIST

We have reached the point in the United States where pretty much anyone has been deemed worthy of second-guessing doctors. Some high-school dropout at an insurance company or a technician at a pharmacy now is celebrated and supported for treating a doctor's order or prescription as being merely a recommendation.

This only reflects the wider spread of the utter contempt for doctors and their knowledge that non-medical staff inside state medical boards have always expressed.

Lucian Leape and his acolytes have done yeoman service to this effort with their fake propaganda that doctors are responsible for killing 400,000 Americans every single year and that doctors, not sepsis, are the third leading cause of death in the United States.

If you believe Leape and his friends, of course, I have a beautiful bridge to sell you.

Recently I came to learn about Leape's impact on disrespect for doctors even before they enter practice.

Dr. Farzana Sheikh is a legal immigrant and a physician. In our current political climate, both are liabilities.

Dr. Sheikh was a medical researcher at Stanford and co-authored several papers on cystic fibrosis in major journals. She received excellent recommendations as an intelligent and hardworking doctor. Dr. Sheikh then moved to Austin TX for residency training. Folks there however treated her as if she had arrived fresh from abroad and someone claimed she needed more time to adjust to the way things were done there. The stressful environment led her to take a month's leave.

Dr. Sheikh then returned to California to be with her husband. The Texas residency program credited her with 11 months of training. The new program in California credited her with 10 months of training. Dr. Sheikh reluctantly agreed to do 2 extra months. She received excellent reviews from doctors in the new program just as in all previous positions.

Towards the end of her third year she applied for a California medical license through her residency program. And that is when her life turned into something from a Philip Dick novel.

Some non-medical staff member at the medical board first claimed that Dr. Sheikh had completed only seven (7) months of training in Texas, even though Texas itself wrote 11 months. I have seen the papers.

The staff-person thus claimed that Dr. Sheikh's license application must be denied because she had not completed 2 years of residency and that she had lied under oath on her application.

It gets curiouser.

The board's non-medical staff then turned around and claimed that Dr. Sheikh could not complete her residency at all because she had completed 11 months in Texas and so she had already timed out of the 36 months allowed to international medical graduates to train without a state license.

This same bureaucracy has now claimed that she trained only 7 months in Texas and so lied on her license application form and then, oh!, she trained 11 months in Texas so she timed out and anyway we don't need to give her a medical license.

Did I mention how passionately California cares about social justice for people of color and how much they support and mentor minorities and women in the field of medicine?

The duplicity here is so blatant, one does not need a law degree to get it.

The fundamental problem of course remains the fact that no doctor who ever sits on state medical boards ever discharges his or her mandate to provide oversight over the non-medical staff who populate these licensing boards.

A board controlled by doctors would not have allowed its untrained staff to present totally opposite "facts" about the number of months Dr. Sheikh had trained in Texas and use that to try blocking her from even completing her residency.

Doctors have abandoned control over their own profession. That train left the station decades ago. There is no mystery as to why the American Medical Association now represents barely 15% of America's doctors. And those 15% are who get selected to sit on these medical boards.

As a result, good compassionate doctors like Dr. Sheikh are blocked from helping patients and the American people are left bereft of care from those for whom medicine is a calling and not a career.

Health Care Reforms and the Grand Bargain on Ballot Initiatives

Rep. Linda Dean Campbell
VALLEY PATRIOT CONTRIBUTOR

Health Care

Both the House and the Senate recently passed their versions of the health care reform legislation. The House bill creates the Community Hospital Reinvestment Trust Fund (CHRTF) to provide annual financial support to eligible community acute care hospitals and community health centers. It requires that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services expend at least $15M annually to community health centers based on need and supports efforts to expand service areas of community health centers to communities that lack adequate access to similar levels of community-based primary and preventative care.

This legislation is very important to securing the continuance of the community hospitals and community health centers of the Merrimack Valley. The House and Senate bills now move to a conference committee where the differences between the two versions will be resolved.

The Grand Bargain

The Legislature also passed a bill that addresses some of the petitions which were expected to be on the ballot in November. The petitions that would have been on the ballot without legislative intervention would have been detrimental to the communities I represent and to the Commonwealth. By working with the business community and advocacy groups we were able phase-in responsible policies that will generate business growth, help small businesses retain good workers, and allow workers to contribute to a fund that allows them to be with their family in times of great need.

The compromise legislation includes incrementally raising the minimum wage from $11 per hour to $15 per hour over the next five years. Over the same period of time, there will be a phase out and eventual elimination of the requirements of business to pay employees time-and-a-half on Sundays and holidays as well as the minimum cash wage paid to tipped employees. The legislation also includes instituting a permanent annual sales tax holiday in August and as a part of the compromise the initiative to reduce the current 6.25% sales tax to 5% was dropped.

Legislators were also able to come to a compromise on paid family and medical leave for workers in Massachusetts. The legislation establishes a program that enables most employees to be eligible for up to 12 weeks of family leave and 20 weeks of medical leave. The goal of this legislation is to allow people to take care of a newborn or a newly adopted child, to care for a personal medical issue or a family member who has a serious illness, or to assist with a family member's injury due to military service. The grand bargain has been signed by the Governor.

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IN THE GROOVE with Cindy Annis

George Harrison Part II

Cindy Annis
VALLEY PATRIOT VINYL COLUMNIST

…remember where we left off?

So, let's start with after the Beatles broke up. All of the boys were already on track and had already started their next part of life. George was no different. In December of 1969, this would be before the Beatles break-up, George had already been involved with his solo career. He had already released two albums, "Wonderful Music," and "Electronic Sound." In 1968, the movie Wonderwall came out on the big screen and George's album was the soundtrack for that film. "Electronic Sound" was George putting together a lot of instrumental songs that he played mostly the Moog synthesizer on. This album was the first album that Apple released, usually a single's label, and this was also the first solo album released by one of the Beatles.

In 1969, George had gone on tour in Europe with Delaney and Bonnie and Friends. Eric Clapton, Bobby Whitlock, and Jim Gordon were with George for these concerts, with the leaders of the band being Delaney and Bonnie Bramlett. This was just about the time he began writing "My Sweet Lord" which would end up being George's first solo single. In 1970 George released a triple album called, "All Things Must Pass" which had on it, his #1 hit, "My Sweet Lord" and also a top 10 hit, "What Is Life". Many people said, this was George's best work yet, and the album hit #1 here in the United States, but also in the UK. Some of the artists that performed on this album were Eric Clapton, Ringo Starr, Gary Wright, Klaus Voorman and the group from Apple Records called Badfinger. "My Sweet Lord" was the subject of a plagiarism lawsuit in which Bright Tunes Records said this song was too much like the 1963 Chiffon's song "He's So Fine." George said he didn't do this deliberately, and the judge agreed, but George lost the case, anyways. A thirtieth anniversary edition of this album came out of Apple Records in 2000, and George was a big part of the promotions for it.

Let's talk a little bit about Indian music and even religion. Around 1965, George got the Beatles to start using, and getting them very interested in, Indian instruments and Indian religion. They, mostly George, were using sitars, tamburas, and tablas. It didn't stop there, though. In 1969 he was encouraged to learn the sitar, which he did. Although the non-western instrumentation was added to quite a bit in the music of the Beatles, they also got into the religion. Hinduism, gurus, and meditations were there, and used by the whole band. George had a liking for it even during his time with the Beatles in the early 1960s. His early solo work shows this. His album "Wonderwall used Indian and western instrumentation, but "Electronic Sound" was more of the Indian music mostly played by George.

In 1971, George was a huge part of what most people say was the beginning of the age of "charity" concerts. The "Concert At Bangladesh" was a request from Ravi Shanker who asked George to put on a benefit to help raise money for, and awaken awareness of, the starving refugees situation during the Bangladesh Liberation War. There were two shows in New York's Madison Square Garden. There was a total of more than 40,000 people in the audiences. Even with the tax problems and the apparent extra money going somewhere, there was still plenty of money to help the refugees, and the concerts actually helped end the war.

The information about George Harrison just seems to go on and on, and I am almost out of space. So, let's fast forward to John Lennon's murder. George and John didn't really keep in touch much after the Beatles break, but when John was shot, George had this to say. "After all we went through together, I had and still have great love and respect for John Lennon." George had written a song for Ringo, "All Those Years Ago," but the loss of John made him change the words and turn it into a song for John. Paul and Linda McCartney also

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Working Out On Your Own Terms

Rick Bellanti
HEALTH & WELLNESS COLUMNIST

Six months have gone by since we talked about our New Year's resolutions, remember those? It's okay if you don't, fifty percent of us have moved on from our New Year's Eve promises to ourselves, within the first six months. If you are still going strong, congratulations and keep going. If you stopped and fell back on old ways, but still have it in your head to get back on, just do it. You don't need a new year or a new week to start, start right now (any day can be Day 1) that's right even at 4:00pm on a Wednesday. Make the decision and begin a happier, healthier you. Remember to keep your goals realistic and take it one day at a time. You're starting a new journey as a lifestyle change (not a diet), there is no reason to rush because there is no finish line.

There was a good question last week, when someone asked; Do I really need to join a gym or health club to lose weight and be healthy? My short answer is; No, no one really needs to do anything they don't want to do. You need to find what works for you and something that will help you stay motivated to continue whatever it is you choose to do. For better results it's always best to incorporate both, healthy eating, and working out, into your wellness routine. I didn't start working out until I was into my sixth month of my weight loss and wellness journey and I started out by just simply walking. It wasn't until my seventh month that I started to workout out and build lean muscle.

There are many reasons why people don't like to enter a gym, one being intimidated by things such as the many confusing workout machines and loud atmosphere. Some are like me, extremely shy and afraid of any interaction with other club members or being self-conscious about how we look. You may find that it's too expensive for your budget or there may not be a convenient location or operating hours for your schedule.

Don't like the gym or can't get to a gym? There are simple techniques to improve your daily physical activities that do not require a gym membership. Try taking the stairs instead of an elevator, park your car the furthest spot away from your destination and walk a little extra. Go for a walk on your lunch hour or take the kids to the park instead of watching TV. Just try to be more active throughout your day; its these little changes that will add up before you know it and you'll see improvements.

Working out at home can be a little safer for some of us that feel the need to be alone, or that have a busy schedule and want to fit our workouts in when we can, especially if we have families to take care of as well. The key to any of your exercise routines is not where or when you go, it is consistency of your workout and stick-

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sang on this song, and it reached #2 here in the states.

In 1997, George had throat cancer and was treated with the best that was known back then. The radiotherapy seemed to do the trick and George blamed it on his years of continuous smoking. In 1999, George and his wife were brutally attacked in their own home. George was down and Olivia got the poker from the fireplace and beat Michael Abram with it until he stopped moving. George ended up with over 40 stab wounds including some to the lung. In 2001 he had a bit of cancer removed from his lung. The lung cancer had traveled to his brain and he died at a friend's house on November 29, 2001. His body was cremated and his ashes spread as is the tradition of his Hindu Religion.

His accolades are numerous. We have just enough space to name a few. In June of 1965, all the Beatles became members of the Order of the British Empire. The Beatles got an Academy Award for Best Original Song Score for "Let It Be," in 1971. In 1992, he was the first ever to receive the Billboard Century Award. In 2004, George got into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

The boss says I have to stop there. Look up George Harrison. There is so much more to say. Hey! I think I might write a book about him. What do you think? Thanks for reading folks!

You can hear George's music when you listen to Cindy's Vinyl Vault. Remember, we play the best music ever recorded on vinyl. We're at 980 WCAP Radio every Sunday night at 10:00, Monday night at 11:00 and Wednesday night at 10:00, and remember folks, it's not how old it is, but how great it sounds!

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ing to your plan to reach and smash your goals.

A simple create your own 60 minute routine can give you big changes without much traveling or spending money on memberships. You need a warm up routine which can be something as easy as stretching and a walk for 15 minutes outside or on a treadmill. Next, will be some cardiovascular exercise like running in place, jumping rope or riding a bike for 15 minutes. Followed by 15 minutes of resistance training (strength building), examples like squats, dumbbells, pushups and ab crunches (my favorite), and lastly a cool down period of 15 minutes where you can incorporate some relaxation techniques such a meditation and yoga positions.

Remember to always check with your doctor before starting any new exercise program if you have any concerns or chronic health problems such as diabetes, heart disease, arthritis or if you haven't exercised for a long time. Plan on just 4 times a week with three off days, strategically placed in between to give your body time to rest. Always start off slow and build up your intensity as you see fit, remember to keep your heart rate up and keep moving forward.

Rick Bellanti is a wellness columnist and is on a journey himself to lose 240lbs, and has lost 160lbs since the start of 2015. You can find Rick on Facebook at: Getting Healthy with Rick Bellanti.

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT JOHN MACDONALD

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Bob compared his job, to building or solving a puzzle, gathering information daily about the Japanese Communists. This intelligence was later analyzed by U.S. Army brass, and the U.S. State Department. When I asked him about war damage to Japan, he talked about the wreckage of a B29 he saw in Osaka, Japan. He also noted that there was not much war damage where he lived. He spoke of Kyoto, Japan, and the "Sacred Deer" of Nara Park. After the war, the deer lost their status as "Sacred Deer", and became known as national treasures in Post War Japan. I also asked him about the condition of the Japanese people following the war. He said there was plenty of food for everyone. Bob told me the local population avoided him and his team, a behavior much like the troops of the U.S. Military.

Robert Crowley was very typical of his generation. He graduated from high school, served in World War II, and quietly came home. After the war, thousands of GIs went off to college on the GI Bill. Bob attended Suffolk University, where he studied Journalism for two years. Married his wife Irene, had six children, and today has eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Bob and Irene have been married for sixty eight years. The "Greatest Generation" is noted for their civic involvement; Bob was active in the Lawrence community. Bob volunteered with the Central Catholic Alumni group in the 1950s and 1960s. He arranged for then, Senator John F Kennedy, to speak at a Central Catholic Alumni Breakfast. During our meeting, Bob showed me numerous letters exchanged between him and the Senator, and later President Kennedy. After President Kennedy's death, he exchanged letters with Jackie Kennedy.

He raised and supported his family by working as a Claims Investor for Kemper Insurance. Bob remained in the U.S. Army Reserves, reaching the rank of Master Sargent before his unit was relocated from Boston to Springfield, Massachusetts, causing him to leave the Reserves due to the travel distance. He and his wife still live in the home they raised their family in, located in the Clover Hill neighborhood of Lawrence. Irene has lived in the home for ninety years. They traveled through much of Europe together, visiting France, Germany, Austria, Greece, Italy, Spain, and three trips to Ireland. He regrets never returning to Japan, especially to Nara Park.

Former Boston Mayor John Collins served in the U.S. Army CIC as well, rising in rank from Private to Captain, but, unlike Bob Crowley, he served with the CIC in the European Theater, both men were fighting the first battles against Communism in the Cold War. Talking to one of these American heroes in person over muffins, Robert Crowley and reading about the other, John Collins, in Murray Levin's book "The Alienated Voter", drives home how great the Greatest Generation was. How truly stacked with talent the 16.5 million American Youth who served in World War II were. Imagine our Nation's economy and our world with a Communist Post War Japan? Robert Crowley's efforts, just months after graduating from high school prevented that from happening.

John Cuddy served in the U.S. Navy's Construction Battalions (also known as the Seabees) after retiring from the Navy, he earned a BA in History and an MA in Economics from the University of Massachusetts on the Lowell Campus. He has been employed in Logistics at FedEx for the last 21 years. If you know a World War II Veteran who would like their story told, please email him at John.Cuddy@Yahoo.com.

Michelle Gallant is a student at the University of Central Florida, home of the undefeated Knights Football team, the 2018 Peach Bowl Champs, beating #7 Auburn University. She is the co-author of this month's article.

Mercier Nominated for Governor's Council

It is with great honor that I accept the nomination for election to the Governor's Council in the 5th Councillor's District. Thank you to the citizens who signed my nomination papers. I hope to also earn your vote as the campaign moves forward.

It is my opinion that the Governor's Council is significantly overpaid. The current salary, for what is merely a part time job, is nearly $40,000. On an hourly basis, this makes the Councillors some of the highest paid officials in the Commonwealth. I have been very fortunate in my chosen career, as a litigation consultant, and, like others, I have always contributed time to volunteering for causes I believe in. Therefore, I pledge that, when elected, I will decline the salary budgeted for this position. Those funds would be better utilized helping low income residents receive competent legal representation, thus I will direct the funds to be donated to the Northeast Justice Center of Lawrence.

Nowadays, too many state officials treat their positions as an opportunity for a steady paycheck and a fat pension, rather than a civic duty. We, the citizens, should expect more from our representatives.

Serving on the Governor's Council is an incredible responsibility and should be treated as the honor that it is. When given

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on the back on social media for doing so!)

Speaking of job-killing legislation, this allegedly grand bargain will also raise the minimum wage to $15 an hour. More economic stimulation -- for the Granite State.

Last, but certainly not least, this backroom deal makes sure the voters won't have a say at the ballot box on important financial issues this fall. The Boston Herald described the situation this way: "The ultimate goal? Making sure voters didn't get the chance to weigh in on a raft of proposed ballot questions in November, including a question that would have lowered the state sales tax from 6.25 percent to 5 percent."

Remember Charlie Baker's plan to cut the corporate, income and sales taxes to 5%? He'd probably like you to forget. But Republicans won't, here in Dracut and across our state. Just like we didn't forget to overwhelmingly vote for Donald Trump.

BTW, mention Donald Trump, and Republicans in Dracut smile from ear to ear. Mention Charlie Baker and watch their eyes roll. For those of us who aren't RINOs, Charlie Baker and the MassGOP ain't so grand. Somebody fold up the tent.

Brian Genest is a member of the Dracut Republican Town Committee. A marketing and communications expert with 20 years of success driving growth, maximizing ROI and boosting profits for consumer and high-tech brands; he has developed and executed strategic initiatives for a range of disruptive technologies, including robots, mobile commerce solutions and SaaS products. Earlier in his career, Genest worked as a newspaper reporter and editor for the Dracut Dispatch, Derry News and Billerica Minuteman.

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supports and coping skills to raise a stable family. Finally, she was a member of the Board of Trustees at Berkeley Retirement Home.

Linda's selflessness and dedication to her community are derived from her passion for the residents of Methuen as well as the challenges she faced caring for her late husband, Paul, and her miracle baby, Chelsea, who was born at only two pounds. Despite her personal struggles and sacrifices, Linda still has the drive to serve others and has instilled that same passion in Chelsea who is also a member of the Methuen Exchange Club.

"Linda is a truly exceptional member of the Methuen community and her heart is as big as a heart gets," said Rep. Campbell, "she radiates the pure joy of people who give at every opportunity they can."

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and the woman who played my mother both passed away since then. They were just so good to me. They were so instrumental in me moving up. 'The Job' was me playing a New York detective which was just outrageous."

TOM: "I have to say it was pretty funny watching you in a police uniform."

LENNY: "Well, I was a cop for four years on the John Laroquette show. Then being a detective was wild. I remember I stole one of those parking (vehicles) the three wheelers, and I got stuck in it. That was in the show and it was huge. I have a few new things I'm doing now, I have a few things that I have looked into like 'City on the Hill' and 'SMILF' which are both filming here in Boston, and I'm very excited about that."

TOM: "How do you stay funny? I mean, you've been doing this a long time and some comedians have one routine and they go everywhere with their one routine, so if you have seen them once you have seen them a million times. But, every time you go out there it's like a different show, how do you keep that up?"

LENNY: "Because I'm not funny, I'm nuts! I'm out of my mind, that's what that's all about. I never know what I'm gonna say."

Just then, comedian Dave Russo came in and Lenny had to go out and introduce the first act.

TOM: "Hey Dave long time"

DAVE: "I'm just excited to be working for a guy that's court ordered," he said looking at Russo.

LENNY: "That's one of my old jokes, you know that," he said to Russo.

DAVE: "I thought it was Kenny Rogers."

TOM: "Are you performing tonight?"

DAVE: "Yes, but I don't have any political jokes because I don't want the government to know where I am. Actually, I played softball at a charity event for The Hug Foundation with Geoff Diehl a couple of years back. I didn't even know he was a politician. He was just a regular, cool guy, we had a blast. I think we went three and one, so we were winning that day. I'm working at Salvatore's with Lenny on Friday, July 27th. I lived in the 01844 zip code for a while, I lived in Methuen when I was doing the Comedy Palace in North Andover, so I'm familiar with the Merrimack Valley folks from Methuen, Lawrence, Tewksbury, Andover, North Andover and I'll have the funny on."

What The World Needs Now

Peter Larocque
PAYING ATTENTION COLUMNIST

Greetings my friends, remember the 1965 song, "What the world needs now is love sweet love," it was composed by Burt Bacharach and sung by Dionne Warwick. We all could use a good dose of love, but not the feel-good type of love from the 70s or 80s. I mean the real thing, the love that comes from God! The New International Version of Romans 5:5 tells us, "And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." As Christians we have God's love in us and because of that we also have a hope that does not disappoint. You may have experienced disappointed hopes, but there is a hope that does not disappoint when you are conscious of how much God loves you. It is a hope that springs from the heart of God, who loves you very much.

It is also interesting that the first mention of the Holy Spirit in the book of Romans is tied up with the love of God. The book of Romans is considered foundational for Christians. Could it be that the first thing the Holy Spirit wants to do is to establish in our hearts that God loves us? Many people think that the Holy Spirit has come to teach us about power. But the truth is that the Holy Spirit has come not to reveal the love for power, but the power of love!

Unfortunately, there are too many Christians today who are unaware of how much God loves them. The Christian Church has emphasized for so long that we must love God, but the truth is that this can only happen after we know how much God loves us. 1 John 4:10 says, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4:19, adds this, "We love him, because he first loved us."

We begin to understand how much God loves us when we see how much God loves His Son, Jesus Christ! Jesus himself said in John 10:17, "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again." God gave Him up for us, a bunch of sinners! That's includes you and me! God punished all our past, present and future sins on the body of Jesus at the Cross. The Bible tells us that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for the ungodly! John 3:16 says, "16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jesus took on our punishment so that we would not have to! So now we can stop punishing ourselves because Jesus paid the ultimate price for us!

I love what my Pastor Joseph Prince says in his Devotional, 100 Days of Right Believing, Day 7, (pg.25), "My friend, when you allow His Love to saturate your mind, it doesn't matter what wrong beliefs, fears, or addictions are keeping you bound. God's Grace will begin to break them down. This is what happens when you have an encounter with your loving Savior."

The Gospel of John Chapter 8, (in The Passion Bible) records for us such an encounter which we read in verses 3-11. "Then in the middle of his teaching, the religious scholars and the Pharisees broke through the crowd and brought a woman who had been caught in the act of committing adultery and made her stand in the middle of everyone.4 Then they said to Jesus, "Teacher, we caught this woman in the very act of adultery. 5 Doesn't Moses' law command us to stone to death a woman like this? Tell us, what do you say we should do with her?" 6 They were only testing Jesus because they hoped to trap him with his own words and accuse him of breaking the laws of Moses. But Jesus didn't answer them. Instead he simply bent down and wrote in the dust with his finger. 7 Angry, they kept insisting that he answer their question, so Jesus stood up and looked at them and said, "Let's have the man who has never had a sinful desire throw the first stone at her." 8 And then he bent over again and wrote some more words in the dust. 9 Upon hearing that, her accusers slowly left the crowd one at a time, beginning with the oldest to the youngest, with a convicted conscience. 10 Until finally, Jesus was left alone with the woman still standing there in front of him. So, he stood back up and said to her, "Dear woman, where are your accusers? Is there no one here to condemn you?" 11 Looking around, she replied, "I see no one, Lord." Jesus said, "Then I certainly don't condemn you either. Go, and from now on, be free from a life of sin."

So, what do you do in the face of condemning accusation? What can you do when you are in the fight of addiction, having feelings of depression or contemplating suicide or maybe you just received a bad report from your doctor? Or like the women we just read about who was guilty, caught in the very act of something that was against the law and all seemed doomed! But when she was at her lowest she looked and all she saw was Jesus. Jesus gave her the gift of no condemnation, full of Grace and Unconditional Love which gave her the Power to go and sin no more! She encountered Jesus Christ, the person of Grace and was set free! This is what the world needs now, Jesus's love sweet love! He is here now waiting for you to look and see only Him.

Love to all, Peter Larocque peterlarocque@hotmail.com

Robin's Kitty Corner

VIRGO

Robin Desmet
VALLEY PATRIOT KITTY COLUMNISTS

Virgo sits on my lap and he purrs and purrs. He looks adoringly up at me with his sweet, soulful eyes and slowly blinks. A fire is crackling in the fireplace despite temperatures pushing 70 degrees. Virgo is in his glory. Virgo is one of a litter of 4 beautiful orange kittens that I am fostering for The Odd Cat Sanctuary (TOCS). TOCS is a rescue organization that specializes in saving "Odd Cats"—cats that are old, infirm, discarded, and on death row. They also save so-called "normal" cats and kittens and I had what looked to be a perfectly healthy litter of kittens—4 bright blue eyed babies with fat round tummies and tiny paws in constant motion. As the days passed, the kittens that had started out as helpless little mewling fluff balls morphed into strong, independent, playful little beings.

But all the while, something was worrisome about the kitten named Virgo. Although he was eating well and keeping up with his active brothers, he lagged behind in size and weight. As a foster mom, one of my duties is to weigh all of the kittens daily. This is an important practice to ensure the health and well-being of the litter. If a kitten is not gaining weight, it is a sure sign of trouble. Virgo appeared to be fine. His energy level matched that of his siblings and his appetite was good. Nevertheless, his small size was cause for concern, so off to the veterinarian he went. He was given a clean bill of health and the proverbial "runt of the litter" label. I felt relieved.

As the weeks passed, Virgo still did not grow. Occasionally, I could hear his stomach gurgling, so I changed his food. The gurgling continued, and I changed his food again. A few days later, Virgo began to projectile vomit. A vet appointment was made the following day with a different veterinarian. Virgo was treated for an upset stomach and worms. A week later he had a follow up appointment and once again was given a clean bill of health.

It was not until Virgo was in the hands of another foster parent that his true medical condition was discovered and diagnosed. Cheryl is an experienced and knowledgeable MSPCA volunteer and pet sitter with good instincts and a big heart. Cheryl was watching Virgo for me while I was away. She knew Virgo's history and could tell that something was not right. She was given permission by TOCS to take Virgo to her own veterinarian at her own expense. Virgo was given an x-ray and subsequently diagnosed with "megaesophagus"—a congenital deformity where the esophagus is enlarged. This rare condition results in decreased motility of the esophagus, and as a result, food is often regurgitated, resulting in malnutrition and possible aspiration pneumonia and death.

After this diagnosis, Virgo was sent to a specialist. He was started on compounded oral medications to soothe his upset stomach and to increase the propulsion of food down into his intestines. Virgo is a true "Odd Cat". He will require daily medications for the rest of his life to control his symptoms and will never be able to eat cat treats or kibble. He will require a committed, savvy adopter who is able to bear the expense and has the expertise necessary to provide him with the proper care. Happily, TOCS was able to find an adopter who is committed to Virgo's care and well-being.

Virgo's diagnosis could easily have been a death sentence. But thanks to Cheryl, TOCS, and a caring, committed adopter, Virgo now has the potential to live a long and happy life.

Property Sales, Foreclosures for JUNE, 2018 in Andover, North Andover, Lawrence, & Methuen. (All properties are listed in order; seller, buyer, address, and price.)

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Frank E & Paula D Zavrl, Warren & Laura Empey, $2,488,000, 87 Salem St

Frank & Lauren Csongor, Sridhar Bogelli & Sowjanya Velchala, $2,300,000, 18 Prides Cir

Yvon Cormier Tr & CA Investment Trust, Kent D & Lori J Wanzek , $1,425,000, 37 Crenshaw Ln Unit 13-4

Humbert C & Teresa M Prencipe, Jason Veloy & Tanya Deon Butterfield, $1,370,000, 5 Basswood Ln

Anne Mattison, Twin Birch Development LLC, $1,250,000, 110 and 112 Ballardvale Rd

John M & Michele M Odonnell, Richard Choi, $1,245,000, 14 Knollcrest Dr

Yvon Cormier Tr & CA Investment Trust, Carol Croatti, $1,225,000, 23 Crenshaw Ln Unit 15-3

Kathryn Marie Feinberg, Brian P & Kathleen A Linder, $1,217,750, 7 Scotland Dr

Lori J Wanzek, Rick A Meissner , $1,180,000, 5 Chongris Cir

Leyne & Shannon Inc, Craig & Julie Tucci, $1,125,000, 3 Rose Glen Dr

Larry & Rosina Renfro, Arlene A Greene Tr & Herbert E Meily Tr & 7 Ledgewood Road Nominee Realty Trust, $1,050,000, 5 Dove Ln Unit 4-4

James A & Thrya S Sherman, Brandon & Lauren E McKenzie, $1,045,000, 25 Wethersfield Dr

Kristin W & James F Clarke Tr/Clarke Realty Trust II, AJM Construction LLC, $975,000, 125 Bailey Rd

Michael & Lisa M Allocca Tr/Allocca Family Trust, Eric & Kristen Montplaisir , $945,000, 101 Colonial Dr

James S & Debbie J Mosher, Samuel H & Janet M Nork, $925,000, 21 Smithshire Est

Jeremy P & Erin Potvin, David Copeland & Morgan K Demase, $850,000, 20 Bellknap Dr

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Phillip K & Christine M Harker, Michael R & Lauren L Soelch, $840,000, 97 Argilla Rd

Kathleen M Borruso Tr & Borruso Family 2015 Revocable Trust, Erik A & Emily M Martin, $835,000, 5 Knollcrest Dr

Evie & Adam G Belmonte , Timothy J & Brittany M Goldsmith , $820,000, 11 Cedar Rd

RKACO LLC, Dipankar & Sonal Biswas, $815,815, 168 Greenwood Rd

John & Theresa Colonna, Daniel & Amanda Gryzywacz, $815,000, 14 Timothy Dr

Marisa O Kafantis, Megan L Cyr & Caitlin Oneill, $800,000, 52 Jenkins Rd

Mark D & Danielle E Benson, Peter L Houde & Sherril Tjalsma, $785,000, 2 Homestead Cir

Aldavid & Kathleen J Diminico, Dincer & Duygu Bozkaya, $770,000, 3 Ivy Ln

Robert M Jr & Therese Reed Cook, Edward D & Shannon Plowey, $769,900, 1 Midland Cir

Sidney L & Iris J Newman, William H Tzizik, $765,000, 7 Wethersfield Dr

106 Ravens Bluff LLC, Daniel Sawl & Jenna Shedd-Sawl, $752,500, 19 Ravens Bluff

Francis X & Marni H Correra, Jodi A Festa, $750,000, 8 Fairfax Dr

Robert A & Marjorie Ellen Dennis Trs & Dennis Realty Trust, Zhencan Frank Fan & Wei Jin, $750,000, 18 Orchard Crossing

Pulte Homes of New England LLC, John J & Robin L Murray, $749,995, 9 Hood Dr Unit 187

Richard S Jr & Nancy W Kakk, Boris Mandadzhiev & Lydia Bakalova, $734,500, 3 Peach Tree Path

Richard S Haak Jr & Nancy Weyer-Haak, Boris Mandadzhiev & Lydia Bakalova, $734,500, 3 Peach Tree Path

Daniel N & Phyllis I Beinart , Ari Dumeciyan & Bernadette Villas, $725,000, 130 Hidden Rd

Kirby Lewis & Janelle Klann/Janelle Lewis, Diran A & Diana S Balekian, $725,000, 9 West Knoll Rd

Burt & Cindy Ochs , Karen A & David A Spieler Tr & Karen A Spieler Revocable Trust-2009, $718,000, 15 Forest Hill Dr

Mary A C & Bradley T Miller Trs & Mary A C Miller Revocable Trust of 2013, Joanna Dixon, $700,000, 22 Noel Rd

Lawrence K & Gail B Wangerin, James A & Thyra S Sherman, $700,000, 362 Salem St

Taylor Cove Development LLC, Natalia J Reszka-Blanco & Jose Tomas Blanco Mezquiata, $699,900, 15 Taylor Cove Dr Unit 30

Sashikumar Venkataraman & Gayathri Sashikumar, Kumaran Daksinamurthy & Arthilakshmi Kumaran, $690,000, 15 Grey Birch Rd

Cynthia P & Paul H Hollenbeck, Brian & Stephanie Sweet, $685,000, 276 Highland Rd

Joseph & Erin Mandile, Priscilla Harris Morse, $670,000, 266 Highland Rd

Kathleen A Marble, William L & Lori Ann Simpson, $669,000, 4 Governors Dr

Jian Wang & Yingxia Fei, Xiaoyan Yu & Saijun Zhang, $660,000, 5 Donna Rd

Sherril Tjalsma, Ronald A & Victoria T Sartschev, $659,000, 18 Summer St Unit 3

Cathy V Lloyd, Mark K Keyes & Daniel C Marotta, $650,000, 110 Chestnut St

Christopher A & Susan J Rocca, Jeremy D & Lisa G Cohen, $650,000, 10 Hartford Cir

Bing Liu & Xuenan Yuan, Brookfield Relcoation Inc, $642,500, 15 Wildwood Rd

Brookfield Relocation Inc, Peter Burke, $642,500, 15 Wildwood Rd

Stephen R Martin & Susana F Ferreira, Michael L & Sharon J Belcher, $635,000, 30 Shawsheen Rd

Mark E Elledge & Amy M Earl, William G & Karen K Carey, $631,000, 42 Walnut Ave

Paul & Elizabeth Farnham, Joby & Sreeletha Eldo, $615,000, 12 Ivy Ln

Virginia F Caswell Tr & JHC/VFC Realty Trust, Benjamin L & Erin Gibson, $610,000, 13 Rennie Dr

Mark & Amanda Gallagher, Jeffrey A Whipple & Katie Ott, $599,900, 46 Juniper Rd

John P & Patricia Amboian Tr/ J & P Realty Trust, Manikandan Santhanaraman & Kamakshi Manikandan, $590,000, 6 Regis Rd

Mark E & Cathy A Kaluzny, Marianne Cashman, $580,000, 74 Summer St

Thomas L & Andrea M Larsen Trs & Larsen Realty Trust I, Taylor R & Molly H Webber, $576,000, 7 Lansbury Ln

6 Pilgrim Dr. Nominee Trust / Sanjeev & Mukta Mohindra Tr, Hanghai Yang, $570,000, 6 Pilgrim Dr

Sanjeev & Mukta Mohindra , Hanghai Yang, $570,000, 6 Pilgrim Dr

Byron E II & Kristi L Bride, Xi Cai, $563,900, 5 Stratford Rd

Benjamin L & Erin A Gibson, Brandon G & Jennifer Averill Bell, $556,750, 1 Fern Rd

Cornelius J & Barbara O McLarney Tr/ McLarney Andover Realty Trust, Donald H & Sarah T Walsh , $550,000, 23 Kirkland Dr

Stephen R Pangione & Michael Oster, Alan L Simao & Dori L Howe, $530,000, 24-26 Dufton Rd

Lee A Squibb & Carolyn J Royal & Susan E Kelly & Patricia L Poole Trs & Doris M Squibb Trust, Gregory Jones, $525,000, 69 Harold Parker Rd

Saurav Sengupta & Theresa Mahoney, Thanh Nguyen & Angkhana Nguyen Chumpachot, $520,000, 94 Osgood St

Ferdinando F Bruno, Ryan & Ashley Mc Namara , $515,000, 16 Samos Ln

Susan J Emmerling, Sarah A Bradbury, $490,000, 1 Punchard Ave Unit 2

Pulte Homes of New England LLC, Alfred A & Carol Paulicelli , $481,855, 1 Francis Dr Unit 207

Shawn & Kathy Harty, Valerie Coletta, $453,000, 1R Punchard Ave Unit 4

Barbara A Hajjar Tr & Hajjar Realty Trust, Mark & Cathy A Kaluzny, $432,500, 1 Powder Mill Sq Unit 304A

Linda K Topjian/Linda Keljikian Crayton, Hao Chang & Yu Chen, $425,900, 174 Haverhill St Unit 319

Julien J Caron Tr & Carmen M Caron Irrevocable Trust, Jose B Pimentel & Elsa M Martinez-Pimentel, $420,000, 380 Haverhill St

Andy & Myung Kang, Sick Boy Homes LLC, $410,000, 31 Chandler Cir

Charles Flather Tr, Maguffin Microwave LLC, $394,000, 57 Ballardvale Rd

Pulte Homes of New England LLC, Sandra M & Nicholas E Mastas, $339,630, 1 Francis Dr Unit 204

Mary Jane Frongillo, Ashwini & Krushnakant Chavan , $318,000, 1000 Spring Valley Rd Unit G

Kathleen Goulma, Kevin C Ralston, $310,000, 98 Main St Unit B

Daniel H Kowalski, Matthew W & Cristina M Addesa, $242,500, 100 1/2 Main St Unit M

Ryan P Dion, Keith & Anne LeFebvre, $215,950, 237 North Main St Unit 6

Ennio Gamboa, Eden Realty Group LLC, $200,000, 80 Washington Park Dr Unit 8

69 North St. LLC, Amanda Fuentes, $199,800, 8 Boardwalk Dr

69 North St. LLC, Mukemil Ausman & Amira Yosef, $199,800, 4 Boardwalk Dr Unit 4

Jaimee E Carleton/ Jaimee Carleton Parry , Jennifer Samaro, $190,000, 60 Center St Unit 3

Richard & Susan Simons , Nieta S Souza , $185,000, 5B Colonial Dr Unit B5-8

Amy Sullivan, Daniel Silva, $170,000, 10C Washington Park Dr Unit 9

Jeanette M Prince/Jeanette M Katimy, Tian Gui Lin, $169,900, 10 Longwood Dr Unit 4

LAWRENCE

590 Essex St. LLC, EB Associates LLC, $1,600,000, 576-580 & 582-590 Essex St

Ithaca Finance LLC, 401-411 Jackson St. LLC, $825,000, 117-125 Union St

Jorge A Flores, Angelo Martinez, $500,000, 66-68 Bromfield St

Anthony R Jr, David A, Darryl J Silva Trs & 86 Salem St. Realty Trust, Esperanza Realty Corp, $500,000, 118 South Union St

Ruben A Torres, Marcia Mella, $499,000, 10-12 Custer St

Christopher A Nunez, Juan Javier Hernandez & Maria M Perez Rodriguez, $480,000, 92-94 Park St

Ramiro A Estrada Castaneda, Roberto C Rojas & Angela M Paulino-DeRojas, $480,000, 19-21 Alder St

Mercedes Marcano, Angela J & Edgar Suero , $470,000, 104-106 Chester St

Chloe LLC, Hansel M & Quenia Garcia, $467,000, 88 Haverhill St

Toni J Durfee & Toni Ayala, Phonnara Dy & Pissey Voeuk, $465,000, 70 Berkeley St

Burton B & Ferne L Welton Jr, Raquel Pena Martinez, $465,000, 41 Market St

Jose Delcarmen & Julia M Jorge-Delcarmen, Ramon Corporan & Anyolina A Rosario Decorporan, $459,000, 36 Hobson St

Cristian & Dilenia Liriano , Paula M Olivo & Daniel Olivo-Vidal, $450,000, 49 Forest St

Jorge Villalta, Wilson R Montilla Abad,

$435,000, 36-38 Springfield St

Merrimack St. LLC, Kania J Martinez, $434,000, 105 Exeter St

Jose Estrella, Rafael & Francia Sencion, $428,000, 27-29 Yale St

Robert A & Donna A Cunningham, Mario H Euceda, $423,000, 475-477 Andover St

John & Karen Manning , Alexjandro Mejia, $420,000, 356 Jackson St

Dogoberto Ramon Blanco Est & Esther Thatcher, Matthew C Clemons, $420,000, 1-3 Debbie Ln

Jose B Trigueros, Claudio R Marquez & Nancy M Henriquez, $419,000, 173 Salem St

Wendy Y & Jose A Estrella Tr / AG&J Realty Trust, Jesus Joseph, $406,000, 126-128 Oxford St

Idelka M Cruz, Meylin Y Sang, $400,000, 189-191 Abbott St

Jose A & Juana Gomez, Betania Veras & Rosa Rodriguez, $400,000, 577 Haverhill St

Salvatore & Elia Armano , Johanna M Gonzalez & Thomas Enrique Cubilette, $399,000, 137 East Haverhill St

Michael Clancey Jr, Juan P Brito & Jahaira A Villa, $383,000, 23-25 Cornish St

William E & Sandra Sipsey, Mariana Carrasquillo, $381,000, 6 Stevens Ave

Joan R OSullivan Tr & Osullivan Garrigan Trust, Lucia I & Rafael R Suero , $375,000, 62 Exeter St

Wilson Jimenez, Carlos Dario Peralta Nunez & Jenny Maria Sosa-Perez, $360,000, 20-22 Falmouth St

Richard W McCarthy & Timothy Gerard McCarthy Est, Wander Sanchez, $357,000, 6-8 Basswood St

Adam & Zebulun D Wise/Myrtie Guay , Henry M Robles & Esteisy K Martinez , $357,000, 28-30 May St

Steven M Desandis, Allan Cuscia, $350,000, 172-176 Andover St

Alex N Dominguez & Alba R Nunez, Rafael E & Fatima X Flores, $350,000, 25 McKinley Ave

Mario A Montes, Glenys A Palomino, $349,900, 307-309 Mt Vernon St

Esperanza Abramson, Francisca E Antonio & Vicente Castillo, $349,900, 192 Boxford St

Sylvie Pressman Tr/Sylvie Pressman Revocable Trust/John C Pressman Revocable Trust, Daphnee Carla Georges & Stephania Pierre, $341,000, 395-397 Salem St

Nathan D Moen, Curtis L West & Altagracia Abreu Desantos, $341,000, 28 Stevens St

Kim Stevenson, 20179WY-30 LLC, $340,000, 23-25 Pleasant St

Natasha Campbell & Daniel Ballou/Daniel H Ballou III, Jose R Ordonez Parada, $336,000, 7 Danforth St

Dianne/Mary F/Paul M Plantamura Trs & Plantamura Realty Trust, Rodolfo Nunez, $335,000, 57 High St

Joseph W & Patricia A Santomassino, Darwin R Fabian, $335,000, 433-435 Lowell St

Flor Maria Vargas, Richard B Almonte Ortiz, $330,000, 17 Inman St

Kathleen I & Raymond Roy , Robin Chiaramonte, $329,000, 125 Chester St

David H Williams , Rafael Santana, $325,000, 62 Center St

Nunez LLC, AMS Holdings LLC, $325,000, 206 South Broadway

La Belle Maison LLC, Sandro Laboy & Yesenia Suazo-Medina, $322,000, 11 Florence Ave

John F Jr & Julie Manning, Samantha L & Emmanuel Castillo, $310,000, 155 Dracut St

John Paul Healey, Marcos Urena, $305,500, 3 Tudor Ave

RJP Cponstruction & Development Inc, Ivan Ramos & Mirurgia Branford, $304,900, 50 William St

Deutsche Bank National Trust Co Tr, Chloe LLC, $302,960, 433-435 Riverside Dr

Robert R Chaves , Stephen P Paris/Bonnie B Paris/Jacqueline M Paris, $300,000, 10 Mt Vernon St

Joy Moriarty, Jose Luis Cuervas, $300,000, 224 Colonial Rd

Vincente Guzman, Eddy I Guzman, $300,000, 105-107 Cambridge St

Christina Lopez, Juan Then, $295,000, 15 Dartmouth St

Darren Hope Jr, Chase McKenley, $295,000, 308 Water St

Jody Safford/Jody Stafford & Susan Safford/Susan Stafford, Arturo A Diaz Montes De Oca & Katherine Altagracia Rodriguez De Guzman, $295,000, 1 Vandergrift St

Linda G & Robin L Arsenault, Tammy Sinvil, $293,000, 24 Barnard Rd

Deborah A Morrissey, Yris Caceres & Antonio Martes Reyes, $290,000, 17 Glenwood Dr

Kevin W Morris & Christine S Madore, John J & Michaela H Diaz, $285,000, 1 Hamlet St

Stanley A Hoff, Hope B Bando & Jacky Cebeat, $280,000, 35 Lisa Ln

Jose L Ortega, Mirka Rojas & Angel Santana, $271,000, 22 Sargent St

Migdalia Ramos, Domingo G Espinal & Maria D Gonzalez De Espinal, $270,000, 96 Park St

MTGLQ Investors LP, rosa Alcantara, $260,000, 109 Wachusetts Ave

Joseph A Senechal Jr & Linda Fedderson/Linda Feddersen & Elizabeth Mae Senechal & Kurt Fedderson, Mariano Torres, $252,500, 10 Greenfield St

Henry C Eleves & Michael J Bouley/Michael J Hosker-Bouley & George E Hosker-Bouley, Rita Roustand, $252,000, 13 Grove St Unit A

Ivan Ramos, Dalis M Hernandez Quinonez & Luis M Suarez Osorio, $249,000, 17 Nelson St

Rawilda Mejia, Jisel Rozon, $246,000, 42-44 Shawmut St Unit A

JMF Realty LLC, Siria & Nicaury Paniagua, $245,000, 304 Lowell St

Michael J Bouley & Henry C Eleves, Elsa Mercedes, $230,000, 15 Grove St Unit B

Dorcas Carrillo, Jorge Valdovinos, $226,000, 168 Water St Unit B

Lisa B Wheaton, Carol Ivelisse Castillo, $225,000, 5-7 Moran Ct Unit 2

Carolyn A Trussell, Rosario Dilone, $225,000, 171 Phillips St

George A Stella & Joseph G Barbieri Jr Est, Kofi Asare, $210,000, 152-154 Jackson St

47 Congress St. LLC, Hameed B Kasali & Comfort A Audu, $205,000, 47 Congress St

Francis V & Cynthia L Blake, Sarah Perez/Victor Perez/Gabriel Perez/Audrey Aden-Faden, $200,000, 55 Durso Ave

Alicia A Peralta/Alicia A Jensen, Gina M Gugliemi, $200,000, 3 Woodland St Unit 7

Wells Fargo Bank N A, Kyle James Harrison, $200,000, 37 Marlboro St

Stephanie Niemaszyk, Jennifer Encalada, $199,900, 8 Holton St Units 2 & 3

My-Phung & Kathy Nguyen, Randall Gigliotti, $185,000, 148 High St Unit 4-B

Michel Pelletier, Essex Management & Realty Property Inc, $163,000, 134 Newton St

Henry P Zawadzki Tr & Jason Zawadzki & Teresa Zawadzki Realty Trust, Cherie Healey, $160,000, 17 Plummer Rd

Merrimack Valley Habitat For Humanity Inc, Kiriza Bade Zihalirwa & Bora Kafarhire Kiriza, $140,000, 19 Acton St

Merrimack Valley Habitat For Humanity Inc, Dieudonne T Kankolongo & Chantal N Tshamala, $140,000, 21 Acton St

Victor & Irma L Frias, A&A Property Management LLC, $132,000, 12 Acton St Unit 202

James Ruff, Juan Garcia, $127,500, 312 Water St Unit 30

Chebil & Nabila Khalil , Phong T Le & Thu Quyen T Luu, $118,900, 272 East Haverhill St Unit 24

Kamil & Gabrielle Dahne Trs & K & G Realty Trust, Julian Santiago, $113,000, 264 East Haverhill St Unit 24

Kamil & Gabrielle Dahne Trs & K & G Realty Trust, Julian Santiago, $110,000, 264 East Haverhill St Unit 19

David R Denaro, Randall F Hart Tr & Benchmark Realty Trust, $105,000, 26 Ferry St Unit 9

Ann Santos & Betsy Green Tr & Enny Bernabel Tr & Emmanuel Javier Tr & Tower Hill Bicknell Estates Condominiums, Chloe LLC, $37,000, 21 Bellevue St Unit ch 1, Unit 1

Diomedes & Yajaira Ortiz , Diomedes Ortiz, $30,000, 62-64 Boxford St

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John R Grossi Tr & JRG FIT Realty Trust, SCF RC Funding IV LLC, $11,777,667, 116 Pleasant Valley St Unit 1

David Locke, Methuen Senior Living LLC, $1,825,000, 197-199 Howe St

Toll MA IV LLC, Jeffrey D & Dorothea B Stone Tr/Dorothea B Stone Revocable Trust, $845,230, 19 Sequoia Dr

TOLL MA IV LLC, Paul & Joanne McVey, $760,988, 85 Pine Tree Dr Unit 67

Toll MA IV LLC, Zhiyi Cao & Ning Guo, $643,613, 28 Sequoia Dr Unit 52

Toll MA IV LLC, Richard A & Susan G Kanoff, $624,807, 13 Sequoia Dr Unit 111

Timothy J & Barbara E Chapman, Burt & Cindy Ochs, $590,000, 98 Sherwood Dr Unit 224

Leon H Valcourt, Ronald P & Colleen M Valliere , $564,000, 16 Birute St

Augustine D/David/Christopher Mangione Tr & Mangione Family Massachusetts Realty Trust, Gregg Tarayan & Yenny Hornedo , $549,000, 14 Copley Dr

Toll MA IV LLC, Basile G & Suzy A Rabbat, $540,715, 92 Pine Tree Dr Unit 119

Shalimar M Quiles, Romery Gonzalez & Marta Degonzalez, $540,000, 6 Quincy St

Francis Stewart, David Romero, $517,000, 12 Sunny Ave

William Realty LLC, Flerida & Isradelfy Villa Lantigua , $515,000, 19-21 Annis St

Hales Landing LLC, Paulina C Sanchez & Hector M Gomez-Baez, $514,800, 27 Marjorie St Ext

Hales Landing LLC, Simon & Valerie Touch , $510,000, 29 Marjorie St Ext

Philip J Racioppi/Phillip J Racioppi & Lucia Maria Pais, Allan H/Alan A Hoehl , $500,000, 4 Margarets Wy

John E Deloury, Cir. G LLC, $500,000, 46 Old Ferry Rd

Dilcia Almoted, Osiris Sanchez, $495,000, 110 Lowell St

John F & Suanna K Keenan Tr & Suanna K Keenan Revocable Trust & John F Keenan Revocable Trust, Paul M Kalajian & Dorothy D Putnam, $490,000, 10 Stevens St

Andrew K Miner Tr & Miner Realty Trust, Raul A Infante, $485,000, 10 Crestshire Ln

Century Builders Inc, Fred & Dorothy K Luyimbazi, $482,500, 19 Fairview Ave

Bethzaida Jorge & Julio Guerrero, Michael & Ann Reid, $480,000, 82 Rolling Ridge Ln

Essex Management & Realty Property Inc, Hector L Ojeda, $477,000, 677 Prospect St

Jane Maina, Jose Done Beato & Altagracia B Ventura, $462,000, 87-89 Center St

Lynn C Tr & Richard C Dewhirst & Lynn C Dewhirst 2002 Family Trust, Tai Tran & Samneang Doeun, $456,000, 9 Blackberry Ln

Azin Zarrasvand, Mercedes Marcano, $439,900, 98 Wingate Ave

Nancy E & Richard P Sidie, Thanh & Sarai Nguyen , $435,000, 54 Olympic Village Dr

Maria M & Angel L Mercedes, Agustin Garcia-Tilman & Yomara Rivera De Los Santos, $435,000, 89-91 Oakland Ave

Mark C & Dawn E Lester, Eric & Michelle Mary Valarezo, $432,000, 12 Heritage Ln

Peter J & Diane Troy, Marcus Cezard, $430,000, 1-3 Tremont St

Gregory R & Christina Holden, Christina & Malbin Lopez, $425,000, 58 Sevoian Dr

Dennis M & Lucie M Johnson , Ramon Polanco, $420,000, 33 Appaloosa Dr

Susan M & Gregory T Carlson, Jamie E Zeff & Katie L Mooney, $412,500, 15 Carrie Ave

Timothy J & Donna M Kane, Genesis P Quezada & Yaneris Leger Rubio, $409,500, 1 Clinton St

Richard & Nance M Angelone , Alfonso J & Lisa L Palacios , $407,000, 23 Gage St

Kevin & Vivi A Leighton , Heath A & Arlene J Whelan , $405,000, 35 Memorial Dr

Gasper Investment Inc, Wanderson A Pimentel, $405,000, 39 Tyler St

Daniel Loughlin, Ashley Kneeland & Michael Anderson, $400,850, 15 Ashford St

34 Center St. Realty Trust / Robert Avila Tr, WBC Properties LLC, $400,000, 34-38 Center St

Donal & Susan Corbett, Zachary Wilkins, $400,000, 22 Westgate Cir

Donald M & Donna B Macneil, Rudys Bautista & Diosminia Y Perez Rivera, $400,000, 6-8 Cypress Ave

Kellyann & Jason M Coughlin, Brian Wade Caldwell, $399,900, 34 Butternut Ln

Richard J & Sharon R Harrington, Cheryl Denisco, $394,000, 88 Currier St

Courtney A Myers/Courtney A Gonynor & Eric M Gonynor, Jenna L & Addison J Ward, $386,000, 49 Comet Rd

Christopher S Leavitt, Danielle L Drew & Daniel E McLaughlin Jr, $383,000, 15 Hampshire Rd Unit 5A

Mark D & Mary T Saraceno, Michael T & Julie A Doyle, $380,000, 170 Maple St

Theodore A & Deborah A Lawrence Tr/Theodore & Deborah Lawrence Family Revocable Trust, Katsiaryna Bernard & Dan Tran, $378,000, 9 Marjorie St

Lisa M Ruscio, Sarah Jane Castille & Emerson Clenord, $375,900, 18 Lorenzo Cir

Ronald P & Colleen Valliere , Will Panzini & Taylor Hume, $375,000, 1 Clayton Ave

Cheryl A Costin, Jamie P Alvarez-Machado & Johanna Andrea Alvarez, $375,000, 15 Jade St

Daniel Griffin/Dan Griffin/Dan A Griffin, Maroun Bechara, $375,000, 21 Arnold St

Robert J & Theresa D Wholley, John K Alves Souto & Sonia Pereira DosSantos, $370,000, 14 Cherry Hill Cir

Lillian L Corricelli, Margaret Njoroge, $369,900, 69 Oak St

Stag Tribe Capital LLC, Daevid C Devallon et al, $365,000, 56 Arthur St

Patrick & Caitlyn Beattie/Caitlyn St Laurent , Connor W Slyva & Emily Thomas, $360,000, 39 Albion St

Mejia Investments LLC, Jose Lugo , $359,900, 65 East St

Martha M Welch/Martha J Welch , Leidy D Henriguez & Daniel Henriquez & Nidia I Henriquez, $358,000, 1-3 Stevens St

Michael Baxter & Leeza Ferrara, Zachariah & Katie M Minnick , $355,200, 31 Jane Rd

Bonnie Lee Weekes/Bonnie Lee Tryder & Russell B Tryder, Paul & Deborah Jean Parent, $355,000, 52 Jane Rd

Antonella B Lograsso, Philip J Racioppi, $352,500, 11 Russell St

Samuel Taveras, Abdelaziz Gamarro and Laila Mouslih, $340,000, 207 Oakland Ave

Steven J Fitzsimmons, Lucia M Pais, $340,000, 41 Hampstead St

MIM Realty Trust LLC, Jeremy Kraft, $340,000, 12 Winchester St

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Shane Parker, Wendall Page, $332,500, 34 Milk Ave

John J Vitulli Jr, Michael C Vitulli, $331,250, 35 Monterey Dr

Kathryn McSurdy/Kathryn McSurdy Boilard & Mark Boilard, Robert T & Donna L Freni, $330,000, 35 Harvard Ave

Robert D Forgione & Leonard W Wahlgreen Jr, Eric & Melissa C Pitari, $326,200, 159 Tyler St

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Michael & Lindsay Bolarinho , Ricardo S Nassif, $315,000, 40 Lyndale Ave

Susan G Woods, Dmitriy S & Heather M Shnayder, $313,000, 10 Beacon St

Thomas & Lee Evangelista, Thomas Evangelista Jr, $300,000, 2 Waterford Cir

Geraldine A Mungo, Thomas Shanley Jr & Cassandra Arasi, $299,900, 27 Capitol St

Kofi Asare, 24-26 Barker St Inc, $299,900, 24 Barker St

Nathan R Pelletier, Cassey A Malloy & Saminth Miller-Malloy, $299,900, 2 Perkins Rd

Joanne M Sylvia, Nicole C Rocha, $299,000, 25 Joy Ter

Linda Harvey Tr/MaryLou Pietrangelo Est/ MaryLou Pietrangelo Trust, Narda Campusano-Horton, $295,000, 49 Tudor St

Steven & Najwah Miceli, Emily E Murphy & Jonathan R Linehan, $285,000, 10 Pelham St

Joaquin & Eva Luciano, Amanda F Espinal, $285,000, 73 Comet Rd

Ronald R Gosselin Est & Lynn A Storey, Wilmer Castillo, $279,900, 7 Turner St

Katherine B Kilroy, Evan Ardolino, $265,000, 1 Riverview Blvd Unit 1-206

Donald Wilson Tr & P B Wilson Administrative Trust, Samuel Taveras, $265,000, 255 Lowell St

Allen R & Donna M Drelick, Valdir F & Regina C Almeida, $247,500, 12 Chadwick St

Donna Shaw, Midtown Services LLC, $240,000, 35 Webb St

Riverside Dr. LLC, Gary Spring, $239,000, 34 Burnham Rd Unit 303

Bank of America N A, Bao Phan Tr & Cypress Trust, $236,000, 68 Pinehurst Ave

Phyllis A & Leonard J Despensa , Jean Lug, $233,000, 4 Lippold St

Ramon Cruz Santos & Milvana e Cruz, Pedro Cruz, $225,000, 5 John St

John R Leone Jr, Thomas Gabriel, $217,900, 375 Merrimack St Unit 10

Barbara B Funari, Janis L Verbicky, $204,900, 45 Chistopher Dr Unit 118

Anthony A & Laura E Capua, Terry Ann Doherty, $192,000, 21 Hampshire Rd Unit 215

Jordan Martino, Nawal Aoun & Hanna Abou-Nasr, $187,000, 101 Pilgrim Cir Unit 101

Dennis W Matthews, Karina Calderon, $185,000, 375 Merrimack St Unit 23

Kathleen Chichester, Balbino Group Inc, $175,000, 49 Meriline Ave

Janice R Fugge & Carol A Bascio & Joan E Fugge, Janice R Fugge, $163,800, 114 Pelham St

MTGLQ Investors LP, Michael Baguiy, $155,000, 945 Riverside Dr Unit 7B

Stella Hall, Brian R Hall, $150,000, 9 Joffre St (and VP)

F Richard Holmes, Girolamo Properties LLC, $150,000, 131 Weybossett St

Kellie M Leavitt, Keidys S Fuentes, $140,000, 14 D Constitution Wy

Marylou Zizza, Harry Thu, $87,500, 65 Mystic St Unit 3

NORTH ANDOVER

Forgetta Development LLC, Osgood St. Apartments LLC, $4,080,000, 1210 Osgood St

Christopher J & Lisa M King, Marcia Valenti, $1,435,000, 27 Abby Ln

Maurice Becan & Anita Menon-Becan, Adam G & Evie Belmonte , $1,212,500, 96 Castlemere Pl

Paul & Kelley MacDonald, Frank II & Kim M Rondinelli, $950,000, 197 Carter Field Rd

Christopher B Cronin Tr & 9 Windkist Farm Road Realty Trust, Rodrigo Ballon & Vannessa Camacho, $899,900, 130 Windkist Farm Rd

Peter F & Deirdre D Dunn, William J & Jennifer Quadrozzi, $879,500, 126 Old Farm Rd

Lora E S Stewart Tr & Stewart 1996 Realty Trust, Daniel & Jennifer Mancini & Stephen Kappotis, $849,000, 12 Carriage Chase Rd

William C & Doris Barrett Trs & Barrett Family Trust, Zhong & Weiling Liu, $834,900, 235 Candlestick Rd

Matthew F & Nicole E Drury, Peter & Eleni S Perivolarakis, $780,000, 93 Rocky Brook Rd

Shelby Realty Trust & Robert P Cipro Tr, Ramya Santhana, $762,500, 42 Wild Rose Dr

Thomas & Elizabeth G Varga , Ashish Batra & Debapriya Dutta, $730,000, 208 Old Cart Wy

Richard J & Julie E Appleton, Keith J & Nicole L Lewandowski, $710,000, 361 Abbott St

Robert S & Ellen A Parker Trs & Eprp Holding Trust, John & Carol Loi, $705,000, 111 Christian Wy

Christopher A & Meghan Perry , Bradley D & Jill R Tait Tr/Bradley D Tait Living Trust, $701,000, 80 Christian Wy

Lawrence R Donovan Tr & Lawrence R Donovan 2002 Trust & Kathy A Donovan Tr & Kathy A Donovan 2002 Trust, N/A, $693,500, 101 Granville Ln

Charles R Florino/Charles R Fiorino & Ellen Fiorino, Sean M & Grazia B Donohoo, $690,000, 163 Salem St

Rodrigo Ballon & Vannesa Camacho, Marianna Tkacheva & Derek Hamilton, $659,900, 81 Paddock Ln

Leonard W Carpenter, Michael Sposito, $655,000, 2 Bannan Dr

Sanjeev & Susana Venkatesan, William C & Janice M Brouillard, $645,000, 44 Cobblestone Cir

Faisal Ahmed, Christopher R & Teresa Thibodeau, $640,000, 438 Summer St

Martin S Cohen, Kathleen Chandler, $640,000, 72 Russett Ln

Michael D & Stephanie M Katz, Jonathan & Jennifer Strauss, $640,000, 23 Old Farm Rd

David C & Carol M Breen, Jason M & Tara A Odesky, $625,000, 410 Forest St

Michael & Jennifer Mandolese , Gregory R Hoisington & Sarah S Epstein, $600,000, 405 Chestnut St

Jason & Tara Odesky, Nupath Inc, $595,000, 245 Johnson St

Mark & Donna A Ford, Timothy Carney & Courtney Scott, $583,000, 385 Appleton St

William D Jr & Sylvia M Whittaker, Matthew A & Melissa A Scott, $580,000, 342 Marbleridge Rd

Heidi Anderson, Meredith Gregory, $565,000, 145 Forest St

TBSW LLC, 85E Flagship Dr. LLC, $550,000, 85 Flagship Dr Unit D

Kelsey Hendrickson/Kelsey Lagross, Patrick & Caitlyn Beattie, $520,000, 41 West Woodbridge Rd

Heling Dilone-Arellano, Stephen J & Stacie Dugan , $509,000, 388 Massachusetts Ave

Fan Wang, Gene A Ferrari III & Anna K Robichaud, $490,000, 2240 Turnpike St

Kathleen S & James F Cain, Amira H Hassanein, $490,000, 1801 Dogwood Cir Unit 1801

GF LLC, Stefano Manganello & Maria Gagliardo, $489,000, 32 Leyden St Unit 2

Mohammadali Khorrami & Maryam Asgharpour, Judith Judson, $455,000, 105 Autran Ave

Janel A Jolly Tr & Joanne Jolly-Kay Tr & J&B Jolly Realty Trust, Mark & Kathryn Boilard, $450,000, 100 Osgood St

Timothy A Est & Timothy Jr Pybus, Kyle Joseph & Kristina M Scandore, $449,000, 70 Martin Ave

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The Lost Pharaoh Chronicles: Salvation in the Sun by Lauren Lee Meriwether

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Advance Copy – Kindle Edition, Kindle Price: $.99 Paperback for $14.99 Pages: 319

4.75 out of 5 Bookmarkers

The book contains the novel and an "Exclusive Reader Offer" plus a glossary. This comprehensive information details: Concepts/Items, Gods, Places, and People. The material is obviously gleaned through extensive research.

Having read several books dealing with this time this book is by far the best.

The scenes, though fictionalized, appear in keeping what we know about this period and its real life people. The author goes into great depth about life in Egypt giving us a glimpse into clothing, hairstyles, and religion. It is religion that drives not only this story but also this whole period in Egyptian history.

This novel is about King Tut's father.

In this book, Thutmose III, next in line to be Pharaoh, meets an untimely death. Unprepared to ascend to the throne, his brother, Amenhotep IV, becomes ruler.

Amenhotep IV changed the country's religion from a polytheistic (many gods) to a monotheistic (one god) practice. It became illegal to follow the old ways.

The Priests of Amun, to whom the people had prayed and gave offerings to, had become wealthy and powerful. With the new religion, the people had to go through Pharaoh to contact god. Monies were given directly to Pharaoh. As a follower of the Aten, the sun god, Amenhotep IV changed his name to Akhenaten. A new city was built and the capital was moved there.

The author gives us information that one does not readily find in a novel, such as explaining the different crowns for the Pharaoh and Queen, and what the crown of Upper Egypt or Lower Egypt is called.

This book does a great job of not only immersing the reader in history but also making us privy to the story behind the rulers. We are given a glimpse into what the possible lives of its people were. Through the author's words and events we feel the angst that Queen Nefertiti must have felt bearing six children, all daughters. The pharaoh is said to have finally conceived the heir, Tutankhaten, (with a nod to the god Aten) with, many theorists hold, his sister.

As Pharaoh became more obsessed with his religion the people began to suffer. Revolution, inevitable, occurred. Overthrown, names were once again changed to reflect the god(s) in power. It is at this point that his son and heir becomes the person we know today as Tutankhamun.

While I knew the outcome of the book as soon as I started reading it, it was still hard to put down, partly due to this being one of the most interesting episodes in Egypt's past and partly because of the eloquence of the author's words and vision.

If history, especially ancient history, is of interest to you, pick up this book. The personal life of the real people portrayed and the potential issues they may have had to deal with is quite fascinating. Well done. I am looking forward to reading Lauren Lee Merewether's other historical fiction.

My 2018 Emmy Wish List

Bill Cushing
VALLEY PATRIOT TV COLUMNIST

The Primetime Emmy nominations will be announced shortly and every year I like to review the past year in TV and give my Emmy Wish List, my list of who I would like to see recognized. It's always tough to remember all the great work every year, and not everyone can be nominated. Some will be overlooked, but I hope the actors and actresses that I mention here are not forgotten. So here goes…

J.K. Simmons (Counterpart) – The brilliance of J.K. Simmons performance in Starz new series 'Counterpart' is easy to see. Simmons plays two versions of the same man, Howard Silk. Two spies living on opposite sides of a parallel dimension. With Simmons portrayal you can tell which character he is playing without him even uttering a word, just by the mannerisms he uses for each character. It really is an amazing performance.

Kyle Maclachlan (Twin Peaks: The Return) - Kyle Maclachlan's role in the Twin Peaks revival was a real impressive achievement. Maclachlan, while playing Agent Dale Cooper, also had to play 2 other characters. Cooper's evil doppelganger, and the dimwitted Dougie Jones. It really showed Maclachlan's versatility as an actor and should be recognized with a nomination.

Noah Emmerich (The Americans) – It goes without saying that Matthew Rhys and Keri Russell deserve nominations for their amazing work on 'The Americans.' But Noah Emmerich is overdue for some recognition. His portrayal of FBI Agent Stan Beeman, the long unsuspecting neighbor and friend, was showcased in the series finale with a tense 12-minute parking garage scene in which Stan struggled with his sense of duty and his betrayal by his best friend Philip. It's a powerful performance from Emmerich. Emmy voters shouldn't forget him.

Julia Garner (Ozark) – As Ruth Langmore, the no nonsense, foul mouthed matriarch of a trailer trash band of delinquents on Netflix's 'Ozark', Julia Garner shines. Garner was very good over the last few years in a small part on 'The Americans,' but in 'Ozark' she really got to show her acting chops.

Tony Shalhoub (The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel) – Rachel Brosnahan's role as Midge on Amazon's terrific series 'The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel' has been getting all of the recognition and is sure to get a very well deserved nomination. But Tony Shalhoub as Midge's very proper and sometimes overbearing father Abe, steals many of the scenes that he is in. His hilarious performance shouldn't be overlooked.

Hugh Dancy (The Path) – Hugh Dancy's work as tormented former cult leader Cal Roberts on season 3 of Hulu's 'The Path' showed his character evolved from leader to follower. Cal's transformation from the leader of the Meyerists to a now former leader tormented by his past showed Dancy's great range as an actor and he more than held his own in scenes with 3 time Emmy winner Aaron Paul.

Henry Winkler (Barry) - Henry Winkler's turn as self-styled master acting teacher Gene Cousineau on HBO's hilarious comedy series 'Barry' was one of this year's greatest pleasures to watch. Winkler shows how great of a comedic actor he is. He is brilliant in this role. Hopefully he gets a nomination.

Paul Giamatti (Billions) –Giamatti took his performance as Chuck Rhoades to new heights this season. In a series like 'Billions' great acting is everywhere you look, but Giamatti's work stood above it all this year. His scenes with co-star Damian Lewis were pure gold, so enjoyable to watch.

Maggie Gyllenhaal (The Deuce) – Gyllenhaal stars as Candy, a world-weary prostitute who hopes to take more control of her life in 1970s New York City in HBO's excellent new series 'The Deuce.' Despite Candy's flaws, Gyllenhaal's performance made her into the most well-rounded character on the show.

Tahar Rahim (The Looming Tower) – Hulu's excellent miniseries chronicling the path to 9/11 had many excellent performances, but none better than Tahar Rahim's role as Federal agent Ali Soufan. Rahim's layered, thoughtful draws you in. His interrogations scenes are riveting.

Others I'd love to see nominated: Rachel Brosnahan (Marvelous Mrs. Maisel), Yvonne Strahovski (The Handmaids Tale), Walton Goggins (Vice Principals), Stephen Root (Barry), Millie Bobbie Brown (Stranger Things), Laura Dern (Twin Peaks), James Spader (The Blacklist), Sarah Gadon (Alias Grace), Jeff Daniels (Godless).

The nominations for the 70th Emmy Awards will be announced on July 12th.

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the trust of the public, to ethically appoint qualified judges throughout the Commonwealth, a Councillor should be privileged to serve and willing to fulfill the duty merely for the honor of doing so. You, the voters, should expect more from the other candidates, and sitting Councillors, and demand that they too pledge to decline their salaries.

Speaking of honor, in my opinion there is no higher position of honor in civil society than that of a judge. Yet, the Commonwealth has recently witnessed a spate of bad behavior by members of the judiciary. We have watched several judges remain too soft on criminals with violent histories, and we have witnessed the loss of precious life that followed as a result. We have learned that a well-respected judge engaged in improper sexual relations with a subordinate employee of his court, and have witnessed the Supreme Court and Massachusetts Commission on Judicial Conduct lack the authority, or will, required to remove him. We have also seen a judge show favored treatment to a drug dealer, due to their residency status, in deference to principles of impartiality or blind justice. We should expect more from our judiciary.

When elected to the Governor's Council, I will work to hold judicial candidates, and fellow Council members, to the strictest professional standards of decorum and ethics. By simply attending any public hearing of the Governor's Council one becomes keenly aware these character traits are sorely lacking.

With respect to sitting judges, reason - and our Constitution - dictates that those officials responsible for the initial appointments, the Governor and the Council, should act forthrightly to remove a judge for egregious conduct and/or failure of their appointed duty. Therefore, when elected, I will diligently lobby the Governor, fellow Councillors, and members of the legislature, to remove a judge for cause, as authorized by our Constitution. A history of feeble Councillors and near single-party politics has deprived the Massachusetts citizenry of proper representation following these incidents of bad behavior. We should expect more.

There is much that can be done to improve the system we currently have. We merely need to expect more and elect people who can do it.

Expect more. Elect me, Marc Mercier, and I will improve it for free.

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deny the humanity of people like Emily in their humble beginnings. Emily was lucky she was born in 1956.

Yet, one-third of all children after 1973 never left their mother's womb alive. As she lay there in bed with her family by her side, Emily felt profound gratitude for this moment. Yet, this gratitude was dampened by profound sadness beyond words for moments like this that have been lost to so many others due to legal abortion.

(Names and details of this story were fiction.)

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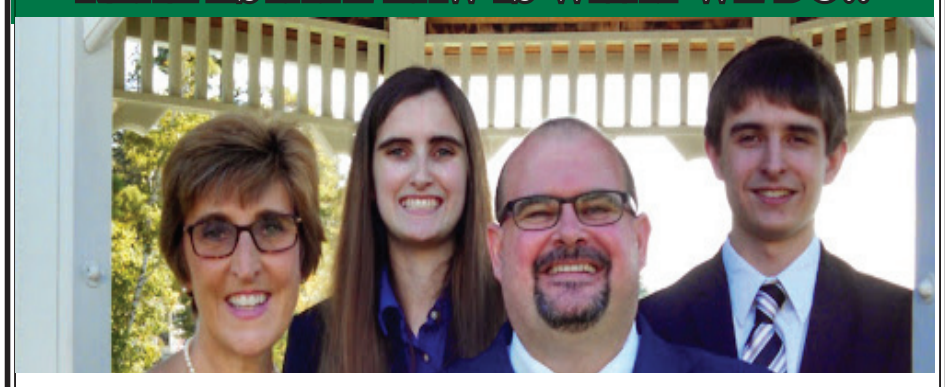

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council president Jamie Atkinson. Coincidentally, after Atkinson left the council HE was hired to fill the position he actually voted on. Sadly, not one member of the city council would second Saba's motion giving their tacit consent to the conflicts of interest that got Methuen in this mess in the first place.

LAWRENCE K9 UNIT IS BACK

Two months ago, Lawrence Police Chief Roy Vasque appeared on the Paying Attention Podcast where he talked about (among other things) the need to reconstitute a K9 unit to help Lawrence Police fight crime. Within a few days of his appearance Mayor Dan Rivera and Chief Roy Vasque issued a press release announcing that the Lawrence Police Department will be re-establishing the Department's K-9 Unit.

"At the direction of Chief Roy Vasque, the Department applied for a grant on May 17th from the Stanton Foundation for the K-9 First Dog Program. Both Mayor Rivera and Chief Vasque are happy to announce that the Department was awarded the grant on May 29th. The $25,000 grant will cover the cost of purchasing a dog, training costs, kennel facilities at the officer/handler's home, retrofitting a cruiser for the exclusive use of the K-9 unit, and food and veterinary care for the first three years of K-9 ownership. The process of selecting the Police Officer who will be the dog's handler, as well as the selection of the dog will begin immediately. The Stanton Foundation K-9 First Dog Program supports the creation of new K-9 Units in cities and towns in Massachusetts. The Department will be applying for a similar grant to add a 2nd dog to the Unit in the very near future.

NECC CONCERT - Tickets are available for "Barbra & Frank: The Concert that Never Was," a musical tribute celebrating the works of Barbra Streisand and Frank Sinatra. The event, hosted by the Northern Essex Community College Foundation, Inc., will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts, 100 Shawsheen Road, Andover.

The concert is open to the public. Tickets are $50 per person and are now on sale. For more information, or to reserve seats, please contact Lori Smerdon at lsmerdon@necc.mass.edu or at 978-556-3870. Tickets can also be purchased through MKTix.com.

FARMERS MARKETS - The Lawrence and Methuen Farmers Markets are officially open! From July 6 to October 27 on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10am - 3pm, you can find fruits and vegetables, freshly caught fish, crafts from local artisans, musical performances, and so much more.

The GWL Wednesday Farmers Market opens on July 11. It's located in Lawrence on Campagnone (North) Common across from the Lawrence Senior Center, 155 Haverhill Street.

Holy Family Hospital's Methuen Farmers Market managed by Groundwork Lawrence starts on July 6. It's open every Friday at 254 Broadway in Methuen, conveniently located on Rt. 28 next to Methuen Federal Credit Union.

The GWL Saturday Farmers Market opens on July 7 and is located in Lawrence on Sullivan Park on Rt. 114, at the intersection of North Parish Road and Winthrop Avenue.

EDGEWOOD SENIOR LIVING UNVEILS NEW DEMENTIA-CENTERED RESIDENCES

In an effort to meet the ever-growing demand of support services and dignified housing for older adults with dementia, Edgewood senior living community in North Andover has completed The Woodlands Inn, a $17 million, 4-building, 40-residence expansion that caters primarily to seniors with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Three of the four buildings will serve residents with dementia while the other will cater to enhanced living, or residents who need some general assistance throughout the day.

"These aren't the environments you typically associate with senior living, memory support or health services," says Kathleen D'Amico, Edgewood's marketing director. "They're styled after a cozy New England inn, and the design and layout couldn't be further from the clinical model that's such a pervasive misperception when people think of communities like ours."

Each building accommodates 10 residents and is designed to encourage greater interaction and socialization. This "small house model" sees private rooms surround a central common area that includes an open-hearth kitchen, dining area, living room and den with a natural stone fireplace. Here residents can participate in activities, play games, read, watch TV or simply catch up with friends and neighbors. Other amenities in each household include a spa and private courtyard, as well as dedicated health professionals and other staff – called innkeepers – on site at all hours to assist with meal preparation, laundry, housekeeping and other daily tasks. Last year, the Alzheimer's Association estimated that 5.5 million Americans were living with Alzheimer's, and that 1 in 10 people age 65 and older have the disease. In Massachusetts, approximately 120,000 people ages 65 and older had Alzheimer's in 2017, and by 2025 that figure is expected to increase by 25 percent to 150,000 people.

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operating budgets for the Police, Health, and Public Works budgets. This will change significantly under the new agreement.

Under the old Chargebacks Agreement, Methuen Public Schools paid 3% of the operating budget of the Department of Public Works and 4% of the operating budget for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling. Under the new Chargebacks Agreement, the City will no longer charge back 3% of the Snow & Ice and Capital Improvement Plan budgets, unless a future Capital Improvement Plan includes items that directly rate to the maintenance of School Department facilities. The City will also no longer chargeback 3% of the Equipment Outlay budget, unless future outlays directly benefit the School Department.

The old Chargebacks Agreement provided that the School Department will pay 70% of the City's costs to provide a School Resource Officer for each of the five schools plus 1% of the operating budget for the Police Department, including personnel and vehicles. The new Chargebacks Agreement states that School Department will pay 70% of the Police Department's costs in the Personal Services and Other Expenses budgets to provide one School Resource Officer for each of the five schools, and a supervising School Resource Officer. The City will also charge the School Department an annual $20,000 administrative fee for Police Department's management of the School Resource Officer program. Although I take issue with the latter it was a compromise. This change in wording alone will save the School Department over $100,000 annually in expenses.

The old Chargebacks Agreement required the School Department to pay 10% of the operating budget for the City's Health Department. The new Chargebacks Agreement states that the School Department agrees that there may be a chargeback of unanticipated expenses of the department for needs to assist the School Department with health-related emergencies.

The Methuen School Committee also reached an agreement with Mayor Jajuga on Medicaid reimbursement. The city for years has withheld payments to the School Department from the Federal Government for Medicaid reimbursement and those revenues were originally applied to help pay for the bond to fund the renovation project for Methuen High School. The School Department will now receive Medicaid reimbursement funds at 25% for FY19; 50% for FY20; 75% for FY21; and 100% beginning in FY22. This will translate into additional funding for schools in FY19 of more than $200,000 and that figure will increase each year.

Although the proposed $78 Million budget and new Chargebacks and Medicaid Agreements are not perfect they are more fiscally responsible and put the School Department in a much better place than we have been in and are far better than what we have been operating under for the last several years.

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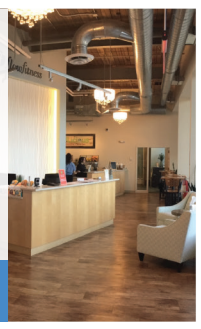

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